

TEXT: Matthew 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Women's and Men's Bible Studies are starting this week. You can still sign up to be a part. They are meeting on Tuesdays. Click [here](#) for more details and to sign up.
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BIG IDEA: The King Calls us into the Kingdom

Ice Breaker: Share one thing about your summer that you enjoyed. What are some things you are looking forward to this fall?

What is the context of Matthew 3?

Malachi 3:1 and Matthew 3:1

- What is John a fulfillment of?
- Why is John called John the Baptist?
- What is the significance of John showing up in the wilderness?

Matthew 3:2-3

- What is the kingdom of God?
- John is asking people to repent. What is repentance?/What do you repent of?
- Are there any areas in your life that you need to repent of sin?

Matthew 3:7-10

- Who are the Pharisees?
- Who are the Sadducees?
- What does John mean when he tells them to produce fruit consistent with repentance?

Matthew 3:11-12

- Who is John pointing to in this passage?
- What are the implications for us if John is spending all of his time on earth pointing others to Jesus?

Quotes

I think the most important thing I could say about the kingdom of God that would help people make sense out of all the uses is that the basic meaning of the word *kingdom* in the Bible is God's *reign* — R-E-I-G-N — not *realm* or *people*. The kingdom creates a realm, the kingdom creates a people, but the kingdom of God is not synonymous with its realm or its people. - John Piper