

## Life in Color

### Week 2 - Preparation

1. When you prepare for a trip or event do you begin preparing the night before or weeks in advance? If the "environment" is ready but the "heart" isn't ready, how does that affect you and those involved?
2. Read Matthew 3:1-3. When Jesus' ministry began, do you think people remembered John's words?
3. Read Hosea 10:12. The seed of righteousness = the harvest of love. "Rarely will you stumble to the great places of God – you prepare and walk day by day." There are two activities to plow up spiritual ground. Repentance and Righteousness.
4. When was the last time you did some heart investigation? Read Psalms 139:23-24. Repentance begins by plowing up our spiritual ground and then being truly sorry for what we have done as we turn away from our sin and turn towards God.
5. Pastor Ken shared the Adam and Eve story. Read Genesis 3:1-13. Our story is not unlike theirs. When we do something wrong, we want to \_\_\_\_\_. When we are caught we \_\_\_\_\_. The things that want to take us down (wrong attitudes/actions) thrive in the darkness. Confession stops that ugly, dark growth.
6. Read 1 John 1:9. Righteousness is conforming to the character of God as a result of the forgiveness of God. He wants to do a new work in you and take you to the next level. "The pursuit of righteous living is the preparation for the peace and purpose of Christ to be unleashed in our life."
7. What daily opportunities are yours to put your faith into action? What ground do you need to let God plow up in your heart?
8. Prepare your hearts for those God sends your way this week. Whenever Christ speaks of His death, He also spoke of His resurrection. Because of the resurrection we can speak hope, instruction and truth to those we care about in this life. Who will you share this hope with this week?