



DECEMBER 4TH, 2016 | JOHN THE BAPTIST

OPEN

- What are your hopes and expectations for this Christmas? What do you want Jesus to do for you this holiday season?
- What stood out to you the most about Eric's sermon?

DISCUSS & APPLY

- Read Matthew 3:1-12. What was the message and mission of John the Baptist? What stands out to you from this passage?
- How have you thought about repentance in the past? Do you have a new perspective on repentance since hearing the sermon, why or why not?
- How is repentance different for a non-believer and a believer? Or is it the same, why or why not?
- Describe a life lived with a rhythm of repentance. What would it look like? How does repentance fit into the life of a believer?
- Read Galatians 5:22-25. Which aspect of the fruit of the Spirit do you think God currently wants to produce in your life?
- Look back at Matthew 3:8-10. Read Matthew 7:17-20. Can we produce whatever fruit we desire, why or why not? How do these two passages in Matthew shed any light on this? What allows a tree to produce this good fruit?

COMMIT

In what specific ways do you personally need to repent and make changes in your life right now?

PRAY

Open up a time where anyone in the group who wants to can pray a prayer of repentance to their Heavenly Father.