Matthew 3.1-6

(Isaiah 40.3, Malachi 3.1?)

About John the Baptist

Three things to note before I ask 3 questions of what you see

1. Repent-Greek word "Metanoeite" is a change of mind and heart that results in a changed life.

2. The Kingdom of Heaven is now

3. There are over 300 prophecies in the OT about Jesus

Jesus came with a purpose!

"And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."" (Matthew 1.21, NLT)

Question: Do you see the hope in Jesus daily?

Ephesians 2.11-16

"In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope." (Ephesians 2.12, NLT)

We now have hope!

Don't live and act like you have no hope.

Do you see the Kingdom of God now?

About the Kingdom of God!

Do you see what I see?... I see Hope That Hope is in Christ For continued study personally, as a group, or as a family.

1. What are the different way people see Christmas time?

What excited you about Christmas? What are your plans?

- 2. Read Matthew 3.1-6 and observe the text.
 - Who is John the Baptist?
 - What was unique about him?
 - What would you think of this guy if this happened now?
- 3. What was the message of John the Baptist?
- 4. He said to repent. That word means "a change of heart and mind that results in a changed life."

Do you believe this should be part of a believer's life? Why? Or Why not?

5. Pastor said there are over 300 OT prophecies about Jesus. Take out your phone and google some OT Scriptures that prophecy the coming of the Messiah.

- 6. Preached in Judea, handpicked by God to pave the way. Jesus said no one is greater. He had a message.
- 7. Read Matthew 1.21, what was the purpose in Jesus coming? Why was this necessary?
- 8. How does the hope in Christ change how we live?

Read Ephesians 2.11-16

Reread verse 12. Do you remember having no hope? What was that like?

9. Read Romans 5.1-5

Discuss the important of Hope here

Close in prayer and pray about people in our lives that need the hope of Christ and how God would want us to help.