

THE PLAN

25. The Prophet II
(Matthew 3, Luke 3)
February 27, 2022

Story Coordinates (Luke 3:1-2)

People (Who is the story about?)

Place (Where is their home?)

Presence (How can they meet with God?)

Purpose (What did God tell them to do?)

(Deuteronomy 30:1-3)

The Story

- John announced that God was ready to _____ to God's plan. (Matthew 3:1-3, Isaiah 40:1-11)
- John called the Jews join the renewed _____ through a _____ of repentance. (Luke 3:3, Jeremiah 33:7-8)
- John emphasized _____ and _____ over racial purity and temple rituals. (Luke 3:7-14)

- John warned them that God was going to send someone to _____ the true Israel from the _____ one. (Luke 3:15-18)
- Most of the Jews got _____, but the Jewish leaders refused to _____ to John's message. (Luke 7:29-30)
- Jesus _____ the renewed Israel, and God finally sent his _____ back to his people. (Matthew 3:13-17)

The Morals

- Repentance cannot be _____ --it has to be _____.
- Repentance means living our lives with godly _____ and everyday _____.
- Repentance means _____ God's new _____, led by Jesus and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Small Group Questions

1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
- Have you been baptized? If so, tell the group about it and what it meant to you.

2. Into the Bible (Isaiah 58:1-12)

- V. 1-5: What is God's objection to the way Israel has been fasting and repenting? What are they doing wrong?
- V. 6-9a: What does God want them to do differently? What does proper repentance look like?
- V. 9b-12: How does God say he will respond to proper repentance?

- How does this passage fit with the message of John the Baptist?

3. Going Deeper

- How do we fall into the same patterns as the Israelites God was speaking to in Isaiah 58? How can we get out of them?
- What has God given you? How can you be generous with it?
- What do you do with your time? How can you do that with integrity?

4. Prayer

- Pray that God would help you to live out true repentance.