



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

Connect Group Guide: WK 28 The Whole Story-Repentance

Read: Matthew 3:1–12

Preparing the Way = Changing Our Mind and Letting God Be God.

John the Baptist was called to prepare the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Repentance is not just saying “I’m sorry” or asking for forgiveness—it is a deep, sincere change of mind that leads to a changed life. As we renew our minds and turn back to the Father, we make room for Jesus to be Lord, not just Savior.

Opening:

When you hear the word repentance, what emotions or thoughts come up first? Why do you think repentance is often misunderstood or avoided in our culture?

Discussion Questions:

1. John the Baptist lived very differently from everyone else—wilderness, camel hair, locusts, honey, and bold truth-telling. Why do you think faithfulness to God often makes people stand out from the world?
2. John’s core message was: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Why do you think repentance was the starting point for preparing people to receive Jesus?
3. In the sermon, repentance was described as more than an apology. Why is saying “sorry” without change not true repentance? Can you think of a real-life example of this difference?
4. The Greek word metanoia means “change of mind.” How does repentance change the way we see sin, ourselves, and Jesus—not just our behaviour?
5. The prodigal son “came to his senses” while in the pig pen (Luke 15). What does it look like today for someone to come to their senses spiritually? What usually must happen first?
6. Satan attacks the mind first, just like a snake eating headfirst. What are some common lies the enemy uses today to distort truth and pull people away from God? What are some of the ways that he personally comes at you?
7. Romans 12:2 tells us not to conform to the pattern of this world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. How does daily repentance help us resist that pattern?
8. The sermon emphasized that Jesus isn’t just a New Year’s resolution—He’s the ultimate solution. Why do spiritual “resolutions” often fail without real repentance and surrender?
9. Is there an area of your life where God may be asking you to “get out of the way” so He can be in control? What would repentance look like there this week? In What areas of your life do you need to repent?

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His mercy and grace through Jesus. Ask Him to help you recognize lies, renew your mind daily, and truly turn back to the Father. Pray for humility, repentance, and a heart that desires God more than anything else.

