



GROUP GUIDE

WEEK OF JANUARY 10 & 11, 2026 | CLEAR THE WAY

WARM-UP QUESTION

What stands out to you when you think about the phrase “Good News”?

DISCUSS

Read Mark 1:1-11

- What does John the Baptist believe his role is, and how does it point people to Jesus?
- What does John mean when he says that you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit? What is the significance of this to us?
- Why is it important that Jesus identifies with people through baptism, even though He has no sin to confess?
- What do the Father’s words in verse 11 reveal about Jesus’ identity before He begins His public ministry?
- How does repentance help clear the way for people to experience Jesus more fully?

PRAYER & REPENTANCE

Take a few minutes to reflect & journal on these questions and then share with your group and encourage one another with the truth and hope of Jesus.

“God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance.” -Romans 2:4

Repentance is a gift, not a punishment. Repentance is not only confessing sin – it is naming where we have believed something untrue about God. Repentance clears the way for the good news to reach places of unbelief.

Confess the unbelief: Invite the Holy Spirit in and reflect silently.

- Where am I struggling to trust God right now?
- What lie about God have I been believing? (Ex. He is distant, disappointed, unsafe, withholding).

Receive the truth of who Jesus is

- What truth about Jesus speaks directly to the unbelief I just named?
- Where have I seen evidence of this truth - in Scripture, in my story, or in this community?

Turn to God

- God, I turn from the lie that _____.
- I receive the truth that You are _____.
- I place my unbelief into Your hands and trust You with it.



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Repentance is not fixing ourselves – it is returning to our heavenly Father.

TAKE ACTION

Get a journal and make it your “Mark” journal – bring it every weekend and jot down 3 things:

- One thing I learned
- One thing that challenged me
- One thing God is asking me to do

Encourage your group to share these reflections during your time together.