

How Does God Prepare His People?

Small Group Study

Focus Verses: Mark 1:4-15, Matthew 3:14-15, Matthew 4, Hebrews 1:14

Opening discussion: If you'd like to share, describe a time in your life when you felt isolated and were struggling.

Discussion Questions:

1. John the Baptist had a critical role in preparing the way for the Lord. How can you help prepare the way for the second coming of the Lord? (Mark 1:4)
2. Early believers confessed their sins. What benefits are there in confessing our sins to others? (Mark 1:5)
3. How do we become baptized with the Holy Spirit? (Mark 1:8)
4. Why did Jesus want to be baptized by John? (Matthew 3:14-15)
5. Why is it important for us to be baptized? (Mark 1:9)
6. Jesus was God's beloved Son, in whom God was pleased. So why did God allow the Spirit to drive Jesus out into the wilderness? (Mark 1:10-12)
7. Jesus was tempted by Satan for forty days. What strategies did Jesus use to stand against Satan's temptations? (Mark 1:13, Matthew 4)
8. What are some strategies we can use to stand firm against temptations?
9. Why does Jesus lead us through wilderness journeys? (Mark 1:10-13)
10. How does a wilderness journey help prepare us to serve the Lord? (Mark 1:10-13)
11. What life events lead people to repent or believe in the Good News? (Mark 1:15)
12. If it is normal to suffer through difficult times, how can we remain secure and confident in our walk with God? (Hebrews 1:14)

For further growth: Study and/or memorize Psalm 23 to build your faith during hard times.

Closing Prayer