



Prepare to Meet the Lord

John 1:19-34

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He said, "I am A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

John 1:23

John's Message: Repent

Repentance is the determined act of the whole person to recognize sin's awful guilt and certain doom and then, with faith in God's gracious pardon, to turn resolutely away from it.

It involves the MIND

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight. Psalm 51:2-4

It involves the DISPOSITION

I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, in order that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation. 2 Corinthians 7:9, 10

It involves the WILL

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51

Remove Every Obstacle: Repent!

Abandon All Pretense: Humble yourself!

Receive Jesus Christ!

For your LIFEGROUP:

1. Do you think you would have responded to someone like John the Baptist? (Re-read Matthew 3:4)
2. Name some of the obstacles that need to be removed for the Lord to come to our hearts?
3. Why is repentance required to be saved?
4. Read Matthew 3:8. What does that fruit look like?