

Small Group Sermon Questions for the week of 12/7/25

Matthew 3:1-12

The questions below are discussion starters based on this week's sermon. Use them to keep your folks engaged with the worship, scripture and each other.

Bonus Discussion Primer Question: What is your favorite Christmas movie?

- 1) Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. Why, then, are the Advent Texts, such as Matthew 3: 1-12, so jarring? Why is repentance always stressed during Advent?
- 2) What similarities do you see between the last verses of Malachi and John the Baptist? What is the significance of John being like Elijah?
- 3) Was John being too harsh on the Pharisees and Sadducees?
- 4) After studying the Text and listening to the sermon, how would you describe repentance? Did this challenge or affirm your understanding of what it means to repent?
- 5) Does God's call to repentance apply to everyone or just Christians?
- 6) As Christians, how do we wait for Christ's second coming, and why does it matter?