

w/b 26th May 2019 THEME: GENUINE BAPTISM - LIFE APPLICATION

PASSAGE: MATTHEW 3: 1-12

LAUNCH

Think of a time when you had to live simply eg a hiking holiday or as a student. What was the experience like? What were the advantages and what were the disadvantages?

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

What were the key aspects of John's (the Baptist's) message that you can see from this passage?

Repentance was at the core of his teaching? What does repentance mean and how does it differ from remorse or regret?

What sort of things do you find yourself needing to repent of on a regular basis? What are the benefits of this?

Why do you think John felt the need to lead an ultra simple lifestyle? Should we be doing the same as Christians? Why or why not?

Why was John so rude to the Pharisees and Sadducees? What was he trying to achieve?

In what ways were the Pharisees and Sadducees mistaken in how they would be saved? What similar mistakes do people make today? In what way was the axe going to fall?

John's type of baptism was important but it only told half the story. How did Jesus's baptism complete things?

APPLICATION

It has been argued that the baptism of repentance turns us from our sin but baptism in the Spirit helps us to stay clear of sin. Spend time praying for one another to be full of the Spirit so you will know the fruits of the Spirit rather than the chaff of the flesh

Please also pray for Dave, Ian, Michael, AnnaMarie and Lily-Rose as they begin their new lives in Christ.

Chapel of Chester springs sourced a number of the questions. Amended as necessary.