

“Baptism of Repentance”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
<p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader: Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or ending of the meeting. <p>Getting To Know You</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader: ask a few group members to share when they were baptized and what it meant to them. If baptized as an infant, ask what other events in their life held similar significance. 	<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 12:49-43 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this passage, Jesus describes another aspect of the “baptism” He brings. • What is it? • And why is this an inevitable aspect of it?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p>Question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before this sermon, what was your understanding about the difference between the baptism John gave and the one Jesus would eventually bring? <p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 3:1-20 • Acts 19:1-7 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What further clarity do these two passages give us about the differences between these two baptisms? 	<p>Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John required people to demonstrate their repentance not only by changing their minds about their need for Jesus, but by changing their actions. • When someone is pulled out of the baptismal waters, the person baptizing them often says “Dead to sin, and alive in Christ.” or “Raised to walk in newness of Life.” • In what ways has Jesus called you to live out your baptismal commitment to “walk in newness of Life”? How are you doing in that area? Is there anything this group can do to help you faithfully live out that call? <p>Memorize Romans 6:1-4</p>