



## THE THREAD | THE GOSPEL COME TO LIFE

### Lesson 2: John The Baptist And Jesus' Baptism

Dear Parents,

Hello! I wanted to remind you about the Bible study we're doing focused on teaching our students the big-picture story of the Bible. It's called *The Thread*, and this week was the second of 13 lessons looking at *The Gospel Come To Life*. This lesson was entitled "John the Baptist and Jesus' Baptism." Students saw how John the Baptist, the man sent to prepare people for the arrival of Jesus, responded to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We also did a deep dive into Christ's earthly mission. I hope you enjoy some fruitful discussions with your teenager about their thoughts on John baptizing Jesus!

**Lesson Overview:** John the Baptist was a pretty unique guy who probably seemed pretty weird to the people around him. But he played a vital role in the grand narrative of Scripture, especially what we've been talking about throughout *The Thread*. He made a critical connection between the Old Testament prophecies of the coming Messiah and Jesus. Jesus then affirmed John's message by being baptized by John. In doing so, Jesus also let us know He was coming to identify with and save sinful people.

**What We Want Your Teenager To Learn:** Understand John's role in the big-picture story of Scripture and why Jesus had to be baptized. Grasp that Jesus was sinless, yet He identified with our sin, ultimately taking on the penalty of our sin on the cross.

**What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They've Learned:** Explain what it means that if they have a saving relationship with Christ, God sees them as righteous because of what Jesus did on the Cross.

**Scripture Passages We Studied:** Matthew 3; 2 Corinthians 5:21

*Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.*

### NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What is your understanding of baptism?
- How do you think baptizing Jesus affected John? How would it impact you if you were in his shoes?
- How does Jesus' baptism and eventual sacrifice on the cross affect us?
- How should we live in light of Him taking on our sin?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.