DAY 01 |

Principle:
God sends messengers to prepare the hearts of men for the coming of King Jesus.

Read Matthew 3:1-17 and 11:11, Luke 1, and Matthew 14:1-12

1. What do you learn from these texts about John the Baptist and his God-given purpose?

2. Who has explained to you the importance of repentance as the first step in choosing to follow Jesus? Why is it critical that we each play this role in helping people truly be saved? *(Acts 2:38)*

DAY 02 |

Principle:
Repentance is absolutely required for a man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Read Matthew 3:2, Ezekiel 18:21-23, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Acts 3:19, and 2 Corinthians 7:10

1. What is repentance and why is it necessary?

2. How do you know when you have simply regretted your sin, but have not actually repented?

DAY 03 |

Principle:
A repentant follower of Christ will bear fruit because he is indwelt with the Holy Spirit.

Read Matthew 3:7-10 and 7:17-20, Luke 13:6-10, John 15:4-5, James 2:14-26, and Galatians 5:22-23

1. Why did John verbally attack the religious leaders who approached him?

2. In what ways has learned Christian behavior masked the true nature of your heart? How has this made it difficult for you to know whether you are truly repentant?

DAY 04 |

Principle:
Baptism marks a heart transformed by the Holy Spirit, often symbolized by immersion in water.

Read Matthew 3:11-17 and 28:19, Acts 8:36-39 and 11:16, Romans 6:1-7, 1 Corinthians 12:13, and Colossians 2:12

1. Why did Jesus get baptized, and what does this monumental event teach you about the nature of God?

2. Why should you be baptized in water and when should you do it?