



## Scripture Reading: Mark 1:9-15

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

## Questions:

1. Jesus' baptism should remind us of the creation story in the beginning of Genesis. Look closely at this passage. How do different parts of this passage mirror the storyline of God's people to this point?
2. Many people discuss belief, but seldom discuss repentance. How would you define repentance and why does Jesus call us to it?
3. All of this is good news. But take a moment to meditate on this passage and ask God why it is good news to you personally. Take time and share that with the group.

Let these gospel testimonies bring you to the Father for prayer.