

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Advent Series: "Jesus Christ the Lord Changes Everything"



2nd Sunday of Advent

"Jesus Changes My Guests"
Isaiah 11:1-10

Who do you typically invite to sit at your table during the holidays?
Do you look forward to seeing them?

This second Sunday of Advent we explore the word, "hope," but do so through the unexpected lens of John the Baptist. Matthew's gospel fast forwards through the first 30 years of Jesus' life after he gives his lineage and introduces us to John as he makes his appearance.

Repentance prepares me for Jesus' _____.

Read *Matthew 3:1-12* again slowly. What words stand out for you in John's message?

How are these expected or unexpected words during the Advent season?

Repentance reminds me of God's _____.

Read *Matthew 3:7, Malachi 4:1, Isaiah 11:3,4.*

What is my understanding of God's anger?

Do I consider it as I think of my relationship with him?

Read *Isaiah 7:14*. How does this verse give me hope as I consider God anger?

Repentance is an opportunity to _____ my relationship with God

Read *Matthew 3:5-6*. How am I moving either towards or away from God? What role should repentance play in my life?

Read *Isaiah 11:1-10*. Isaiah gives a wonderful picture of all those at odds with each other sitting at table in peace with each other. How does Isaiah's image give you hope?

When we have a deeper understand of what God saves us from, we have a deeper appreciation of the hope that is ours in Jesus.

This Advent season God wants to deepen my hope, as I move towards him in repentance.

Next Week: "Third Sunday of Advent" "Jesus Changes My Outcome"