



## Week #4: Make Room for Repentance

*In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:*

*"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"*

Matthew 3:1-3 (NIV)

How do we \_\_\_\_\_?

- Through \_\_\_\_\_.

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

- How to repent?
  - Enter with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Examine your own \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Engage with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Embrace a \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Discussion Questions**

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word “repentance”? Does it strike you positively or negatively? Why?
2. Do you have a memory or experience of repenting of something in your past? What was that like?
3. What can we learn from the process of repentance?

## **Recommended Resources**

- *The Walk of Repentance*, by Steve Gallagher
- *The Bondage Breaker*, by Neil T. Anderson
- *Repentance*, by J.C. Ryle

**(NIV) New International Version**

## Week #4: Make Room for Repentance - **FILL COPY**

*In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:*

*"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"*

Matthew 3:1-3 (NIV)

### How do we prepare the way?

- Through repentance.

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

- How to repent?
  - Enter with honesty.
  - Examine your own resistance.
  - Engage with small beginnings.
  - Embrace a change of mind.

### Discussion Questions

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word "repentance"? Does it strike you positively or negatively? Why?
2. Do you have a memory or experience of repenting of something in your past? What was that like?
3. What can we learn from the process of repentance?

### Recommended Resources

- *The Walk of Repentance*, by Steve Gallagher
- *The Bondage Breaker*, by Neil T. Anderson
- *Repentance*, by J.C. Ryle

(NIV) New International Version