



Discussion Questions

Mark 1:1-8 *The Proclamation of John the Baptist*

John the Baptist comes as a messenger whose voice cries out in the wilderness. What do you imagine that voice sounds like?

Pastor Chon reminds us that an angel chooses the name John for Elizabeth's son (Luke 1:5-24). John means "Grace of God." How does this prophet, known for his wilderness meals and his less-than-refined dress, bring God's grace to us?

John the Baptist comes to "prepare the way." He is the forerunner to Jesus. How is the season of Advent an opportunity to prepare? For whom or for what are you preparing?

Pastor Chon gives examples of being in the wilderness, either through the loss of a relationship or work or through a health crisis. Have you ever been in the wilderness like this? In such a time, did you experience grace?

Who has been a JBapt in your life? How will you thank them?

