

A Birth of Heart Change
Isaiah 40:3-5, Mal. 3:1, Mal. 4:5-6; Mark 1:1-8

How does the birth of John the Baptist lead us to Christmas?

- 1) Prepare _____ for the _____.
(Is. 40:3-5, Mark 1:3)

- 2) Enable _____ around the _____ of God.
(Mal. 4:5-6)

- 3) Call the _____ to _____.
(Mal. 4:5, 1 Kings 21:21-29, Acts 17:30, 1 Thess 1:9, Rev 2:5)

- 4) Model _____ for a message that can only be received in _____.
(Isaiah 40:3, Mark 1:3-4)

- 5) Move man's focus away from _____ with a focus on _____.
(Luke 3:7-9, Mal. 4:2)

More Food for Thought:

- 1) In **Luke 2:16-17** the angel, Gabriel, quotes Malachi 4:5-6 to Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist. Why is this important in the New Testament?

- 2) Is **2 Chronicles 7:14** a call of repentance to God's people? Why?

- 3) Read **Luke 15:17-19**. How did the prodigal son experience repentance? What did it lead him to do?

- 4) What is the overall purpose of God's patience and kindness (**Rom 2:4**)?

- 5) Pray for those that you love and care about who are living apart from Christ. Pray that they may experience the heart change of repentance and be drawn into a loving relationship with Jesus.