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Seeing & Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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## Small Group Questions — The Week of September 13, 2020

**Sermon Overview:** John the Baptist was the fulfillment of prophecy and a prophet himself. As one of God's prophets, he was created and called to proclaim the good news that Jesus, the promised Messiah, was coming soon. His message called people to repentance and pointed them to the One who is greater than all. What was his message and why is it important today? This Sunday, we will explore his message, seeing how it fits into the great drama of redemption and the presence in the Kingdom of God.

### Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-8

1. What is prophecy?
2. How does fulfilled prophecy add to the validation of the Bible's authority?
3. How is John the Baptist both a fulfillment of prophecy and a prophet? Why does this matter?
4. What was the point of John the Baptist's preaching?
5. How are preaching and prophecy similar and different?
6. What is repentance?
7. What is the difference between confession and repentance and how are they related?
8. Share a time when you repented. Share a time when you confessed but didn't really repent.
9. When many people read about John the Baptist or hear a sermon about him, their takeaway is, "I need to be like John the Baptist." Was this his message? Why is this significant?