



The Forerunner

Prayer

Text: Mark 1:1-8

Icebreaker: In ancient times when a king or an important person was to visit another nation he would send an ambassador/forerunner to go before him to prepare the people to receive him. What role does God want Christians to play in preparing the world for His Son's Second Coming? Luke 10:1; 2 Corinthians 5:20

1. What special enablement for his role as Christ's forerunner was given to John the Baptist, and also to believers today? Luke 1:15; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:9

2. What did the prophets Isaiah and Malachi foretell us about Jesus' forerunner, John? Isaiah 40:3-4

Malachi 3:1 _____

4. Where did John grow to manhood and spend time alone with God?

Luke 1:39-40 _____

Luke 1:80 _____

Luke 3:2-3 _____

5. How would you describe John? What kind of an individual was he?

Luke 1:15; Matthew 3:4; 11:7-10

6. What was John's mission according to John 1:6-12? John 1:29

7. What do the following verses teach us about John's message?

Matthew 3:2 _____

Luke 3:4-6 _____

Matthew 3:5-10 _____

Matthew 3:11-12; John 3:36 _____

8. What testimony did John give concerning Messiah?

John 1:16-17 _____

John 1:18: 14:9-11 _____

John 1:32-34; 3:34 kjv _____

John 3:35-36; 5:22-23, 1 Corinthians 15:27, Matthew 28:18 _____

9. What testimony did John give concerning himself?

John 1:19-20; 3:28 _____

Malachi 4:5; John 1:21a _____

Deuteronomy 18:15; John 1:21b _____

John 1:22-23 _____

John 1:26-27 _____

John 3:29-31 _____

Think about it this week:

In these difficult days just prior to our Lord's return we need more humble messengers like John the Baptist to prepare the way, pointing men and women, boys and girls, to the *Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*.

In the coming year am I willing to decrease as I lift Jesus high, exalting Him above myself and everything else? Then those around me will want to know more about my wonderful Lord and Savior.