



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
R O C H E S T E R

Sermon Discussion Guide
May 31, 2026

Refresh

Read Matthew 3:2-12 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

Paul distinguishes between “worldly grief” and “godly grief” in 2 Corinthians 7:8-11. How does Paul describe the two, and why is that distinction so important for genuine repentance?

Judas admitted his sin and regretted his actions, yet he did not truly repent. What was missing in Judas’s response, and how can we guard against repeating this in our own lives?

Pastor Mark defined repentance as both recognizing sin and reorienting one’s life. In what ways does our culture tend to reduce repentance to simply feeling sorry, and what does it look like for someone to truly “reorient” their life?

John the Baptist’s message was straightforward: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Why do you think this message attracted such large crowds despite its confrontational nature? What does that teach us about God’s work amid human faithfulness?

We were told that repentance is not only the way into the Christian life but also the way of the Christian life. In what ways should repentance be a mark of the Christian life, even after conversion?

It was noted that Judas went to the religious leaders instead of going to Jesus. Why do we often feel tempted to run away from Christ rather than toward Him when we become aware of our sin? How can we cultivate a heart that quickly turns to Christ when our sin is exposed?