

THE SEASON OF

EPIPHANY

THE BEGINNING OF GOOD NEWS

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Superheroes all have origin stories. What is your origin story? Where do you come from and how has that shaped you today?

2. What makes the gospel “good news” for you?

Read Mark 1:1-11

3. What is the value in God sending a messenger to prepare the way of the Lord? Why didn't Jesus just show up and say, “Here I am! Son of David. Son of God. Messiah. I'm here!”?

4. What is significant about John the Baptist appearing in the wilderness instead of one of the major cities of Israel?

5. Look again at Mark 1:9-11. What stands out to you about the baptism of Jesus?

6. In your own words, how would you describe the mission of Jesus?

7. In what ways is the kingdom of God an alternative society? Which values of the kingdom of God stand in stark contrast to the kingdoms of men?

8. What does the baptism of Jesus reveal to us about the Holy Trinity?

9. With the kingdom of God in view, what do you need to repent of? How do you need to change your mind and rethink things regarding God and God's work on the earth?

10. What can you do this week to “bring forth the fruit of repentance” and begin to live differently in response to the way you are rethinking things?