

Family Table Talk

Opportunity
Christian Fellowship

for the week of December 3, 2017

Discuss and apply the truth of God's Word as a family.

Read it . . .

Mark 1:1-8

Preparing the Way

On our regular calendar, Christmas is at the end of the year. But on the Christian calendar, the First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the year. We start our year getting ready for Christmas. We get ready for Jesus to come into our lives in a new way for the coming year.

So, how do we get our hearts ready?

In ancient times, when the King would visit a city, that city would get ready by fixing up all the roads into the city, so the king would have a smooth journey.

Have you ever watched road construction? Have you ever been stuck in a car waiting for the stop-sign person to let you through? Why does it take so long to repave the road?

They have to level out the ground. Some places are too high, and they have to bulldoze them lower. Some places are too low and they have to fill them in. Some places have wires or water, gas, or sewer pipes that need manholes. If they don't level the ground first, the new pavement will crumble up worse than before.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Read Isaiah 40:1-5</p> <p>Sin, anger, envy, greed, laziness, and pain make potholes and bumps in your heart. Where are your rough and rugged places that need to be smoothed?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Read Mark 1:1-8</p> <p>What did John the Baptist look like? What would you think if Pastor Dan wore that to preach on Sunday?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Read Mark 1:1-8</p> <p>What did John the Baptist say? What did he do?</p> <p>How would Jesus be different from John?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Read Psalms 85:1-2, 8-9</p> <p>Watch or read "<i>How the Grinch Stole Christmas</i>" together. What made the Grinch's heart grow?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Read Psalm 85:10-13</p> <p>When God dwells in our lives what happens? Wait! Do the words in these verses seem familiar? Look up Galatians 5:22-23!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Read 2 Peter 3:8-15</p> <p>These talk about Jesus coming again. What does Peter say about why Jesus is taking so long to return? How are we supposed to live while we wait for Him?</p>

Memory Verse: Mark 1:8

I baptize you with water,
but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Coming Up Next Week:

Release for Captives