THERE'S BEEN A BREAK-IN - ADVENT 2 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LUKE 3:1-6

	bei	mes to us through repentance. John offered a baptism that was not a magical ritual but represented a turning from sin on the part of the one ing baptized. This is a matter of the heart. It is bad news for those who wish to earn God's favor by religious actions. It is good news if we are lling to receive and experience the gospel at the level of the heart, turning away from our sins toward God." - Gospel Transformation Bible	
	O ₀	Which part of John's message did you, or do you, need to realize the most – the message that forgiveness is available to everyone, or the message that repentance is needed by everyone? Why?	
2	Joh thin	on the Baptist was a bit of an outcast - he was raised in the desert, ate locust and honey, and wore a camel-hair garment. Why do you nk God chose someone like John to be Jesus' forerunner?	
	Q	Think about the training grounds God has taken you through to prepare you to do His will. What do you notice about those circumstances and how they have prepared you to do God's will?	
	O ₀	What would have happened if John would have so pursued a perfect social identity that it eclipsed God's plan for his life?	
	•	In what ways are you too dependent on what others think and say about you? How could that hinder you from fulfilling God's will for your life?	
3		ow would you define "repentance" and what place does it have in the life of an unbeliever and the life of a believer? Survey the following: atthew 3:7–8, Micah 6:6-8, 2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Romans 6:6–11, Acts 19:4.	

1 Read Luke 3:1-6 together as a group. Consider the following: "Experiencing the forgiveness of sins, which is a foundational part of the gospel,

	Why do you think some churches avoid a preaching ministry like John the Baptist's that issues a call to repentance?
	In what ways are you tempted to belittle the importance of repentance?
4	Read 2 Corinthians 7:8-13. Paul distinguishes between worldly sorrow and godly sorrow. He describes how a sorrow after a godly sort leads to repentance and ultimately rescue/salvation.
	What are some of the evidences of God-driven sorrow unto repentance? How does it contrast a false worldly-driven repentance?
	♥ What does repentance look like in someone's life? How can you tell if you are truly repentant?
5	What kind of cutting, filling, straightening, and smoothing work has God been doing in your life recently? What does he still need to do? How can your group pray for you over this holiday season?
6	Prayer Points: Ask God to identify sin in your life and show you areas of your heart that are displeasing to him. Repent of your sin, turn from the lies of this world or your flesh, and embrace God's truth. Pray that God would prepare your heart to worship Christ in the beauty of holiness. Ask the Lord to make a straight path for his work in your heart this season.