



# The King's Road: The Revelation of the King

**Re: GROUP**

## **Small Group Discussion Guide**

**Matthew 3:1–15 – “The Forerunner Was Prophesied”**

### **Opening Discussion**

1. Have you ever had to prepare the way for someone important—a boss, guest, or leader? What did that preparation involve, and how does that relate to John's role in preparing for Jesus?
2. When you think about “repentance,” what emotions or thoughts come to mind—guilt, relief, joy, fear, or something else?

### **Digging into the Word**

#### **Read Matthew 3:1–3.**

3. Why do you think God sent John the Baptist to preach in the wilderness rather than in the city or temple courts?
4. What does John's message, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,” tell us about the kind of heart God desires in His people?

#### **Read Matthew 3:4–6.**

5. John's life and message were simple, direct, and countercultural. What can we learn from his lifestyle and boldness about how to live as God's people today?
6. Why do you think so many people responded to John's message by confessing their sins and being baptized? What does that say about spiritual hunger and readiness?

#### **Read Matthew 3:7–10.**

7. John confronted the religious leaders very directly. Why was their “presumption” of righteousness such a danger?
8. What are some ways we might “presume” on God's grace today instead of truly repenting and bearing fruit?

#### **Read Matthew 3:11–15.**

9. John understood that his role was to point people to someone greater. How does his

humility challenge the way we think about ministry, influence, or recognition?

10. Jesus' baptism identified Him with sinners even though He was sinless. What does this reveal about His character and His mission?

### **Personal Reflection**

11. Where do you sense God calling you to prepare the way for Him—in your home, workplace, or relationships?
12. What would repentance look like in your life right now if you took John's message seriously?

### **Group Prayer Time**

- Thank God for sending both a *forerunner* and a *Savior*.
- Pray for renewed hearts of repentance—joyful, not shame-filled.
- Ask the Lord to help each person in the group “prepare the way” for Jesus to work in their spheres of influence this week.