

## **MATTHEW—1 CG QUESTIONS**

### **Matthew 3:1-12**

#### **Sermon Series—THY KINGDOM COME**

--Matthew—Author—Tax Collector—58AD – 65AD.

--Matthew is writing to a Jewish audience.

MESSAGE of MATTHEW--*God has sent His King and His kingdom.*

Theme verse...“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you.” Matthew 6:33

**MAIN POINT OF THIS SERIES...The kingdom of God is where Jesus reigns.**

1—When did you experience the kingdom this past week? How are you seeing the Lord work in your life, in your family?

2—Read Matthew 3:1-3. What do we learn about John the Baptist from these verses? When you think of the word REPENT, what comes to mind? Why do you think Matthew quotes Isaiah? How do you define the KINGDOM? How do you interpret that the “kingdom...has come near?”

3—Read Matthew 3:4-10. Why do you think the people went out to see John the Baptist? Why does John call out the Pharisees and Sadducees? How do you interpret v.8? How do you know if you are producing kingdom fruit in your life?

4—Read Matthew 3:11-12. What does the Holy Spirit do for us? What do you know about the purpose of fire? How do you interpret being baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire? Jesus’ message of the kingdom brings about transformation—empowering strength and a refining fire (cleansing).

5—The main idea of this sermon series is—“The kingdom of God is where Jesus reigns.” How do you know when Jesus is reigning in your heart? What can you do to make sure Jesus reigns in your life.

6—What are you hearing from the Lord in these verses?