

## Opener

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1. As a kid, when you were asked to do something, did you do it immediately or put it off? Share some stories.
2. When did you first learn about repentance and when did you first repent to Jesus and ask for forgiveness of sin?

## Discussion

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1. As we begin the verse by verse series in Mark, we understand that to grow closer to Jesus, we need a divine transformation. Pastor Ray noted on Sunday morning that divine transformation needs human cooperation. What does this mean?
2. Read Mark 1:1-8 together as a group. What key actions of John the baptizer stand out to you? What can we learn about our own purification by observing what John was calling people to do?
3. In a modern day context, what does personal purification to make way for more of Jesus in our lives look like?
4. Do you agree with the statement, "Spiritual restoration starts with repentance?" Why or why not? Can you find scripture to support this?
5. Are there any areas that you need to offer to God in repentance? Share if you feel comfortable and ask your group to pray for you.

