



DESPERATE COMMITMENT _____
"Producing fruit"

Connect:

- Take some time to talk about this past week.
- If you could be someone else for a day, who would it be, and why?
- If you could live one day over again, which day would it be, and why?

Grow:

- Refer to the visual below as you discuss these questions.
- Read Matthew 3:1-9. What stands out to you? What confuses you? John the Baptist lashes out at the religious leaders because they were observers and lived to critique. They were resting on their religious history and heritage. Where is an area of your life that you are relying on your religious history, and you could use a fresh movement of God?
- Talk about what has stood out to you so far in this series? What area or areas of your life are you starting to become desperate for God? What area or areas of your life are you fighting to stay comfortable?
- Think about this week's message and your life. Is your life a picture of a server or an observer? Are you a consumer of God or a servant of God? Do you critique your Church or do you make things better?
- The work of God in us always yields a work of God through us. We cannot produce a meaningful life our way (comfort), but God can (desperation and dependency) so what are some steps you can take to allow God to do His work in you? See below for steps.

Go:

- The follow is a list of challenges that you have been asked to participate in between now and Easter. Share your experience over the past couple of weeks with these challenges. Whether you have started these steps or not, decide on and make a plan right now.
- Steps:
 - Read scripture everyday between now and Easter.

- Come to Church every weekend between now and Easter.
- You figure it out. Seek God's direction for your life.
- Pray desperately for 10 minutes every day between now and Easter.
- Commit to being baptized at our Baptism Celebration in May.
- If you haven't done so in a while, plan something fun to do as a group.
- End your time with some desperate prayer.

