

Jesus submits to John's baptism "for the forgiveness of sins" not because he himself is a sinner but because he wants to make an intentional and purposeful and public (not private) decision to make a wholehearted commitment to God as the center, meaning, purpose of his life -

a turning point moment in his life where he has a clear sense of what his mission and purpose is and he is committing himself fully, freely and publicly to the Father's call in his life!

Perhaps one important mission that we all share in these difficult and challenging days for our nation is to be prayerful intercessors to the Lord for healing, reconciliation and peace in our land. The events of this past week have been very disturbing and painful to see – yet, it was also encouraging to see our fellow parishioners spending time together in personal prayer, participating both here in our church and virtually through our livestream, during our Holy Hour for Healing and Peace on Friday evening.

And so, as we bring our Season of Christmas celebration to a conclusion, we pray with and for each other that we will remain steadfast and confident disciples whose lives "Un-Wrap" and bear the great and beautiful gift of the presence of Christ in & for our world!