

SERMON NOTES

Cleaning House and Decorating Fourth in the series

It's Beginning to Look a lot Like...

Tom Pace preaching

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Mark 1:1-8

1. Prepare the Way of the Lord
 - Countdown to Christmas
 - Aching for the Kingdom
2. Clean up your act
 - Ritual of purification
 - Repentance...
3. Decorate your world
 - Matthew 3: "bear fruit worthy of repentance"
 - Something beautiful for God
 - Isaiah 40: Comfort...
 - Jesus: "and believe in the good news."

Mealtime Conversation

What emotions are you feeling as we move, this week, into our "countdown to Christmas?" What do you still need to clean out of your life? What would it take for you to really "believe the good

news?” Who do you know that needs a word of comfort?

Prayer for the week

O God, by your power clean out my life, and open my heart to prepare me for the good news at hand. Amen



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