



The Road To Repentance

The Shape of Repentance Genesis 42:29-43:34

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“Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?”
Romans 2:4

2. Repentance requires the _____ of the old _____.

Memory Verse

“For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—”
Romans 6:6

3. The evidence of repentance is a _____.

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”
Ezekiel 36:26

The Big Idea

The goal of discipleship is not becoming people who need _____. The goal of discipleship is becoming people who _____ quickly, more honestly, and with greater confidence in God's grace.

MY NEXT STEP IS TO...

- Trust Jesus and begin to follow Him as my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- Memorize Romans 6:6
- Set aside time this week to thank God for His kindness and grace in leading me to repentance
- Ask God to reveal an area of my life where He is leading me toward repentance
- Respond in obedience to an area where God has been convicting me
- Get the most out of this week’s teaching by attending my Life Group





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2. Repentance requires the death of the old self.

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“For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—”
Romans 6:6

3. The evidence of repentance is a transformed heart.

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”
Ezekiel 36:26

The Big Idea

The goal of discipleship is not becoming people who need repentance less. The goal of discipleship is becoming people who repent more quickly, more honestly, and with greater confidence in God's grace.

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Discussion Questions - Week #8

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend message, "The Road to Repentance," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

Have you ever taken a detour or unexpected route that ended up leading somewhere important? What happened?

Why do you think people often resist admitting they're wrong or confronting areas of their lives that need to change?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Repentance is more than simply feeling bad about our sin. In Scripture, repentance involves a change of heart that produces a change of life. Zacchaeus' encounter with Jesus provides a powerful picture of what genuine repentance looks like.

Read Luke 19:1-10.

What stands out to you about Zacchaeus and his interaction with Jesus?

Jesus never explicitly tells Zacchaeus to repay anyone or change his behavior.

What do you think it was about his encounter with Jesus that led to such a dramatic response?

How did Zacchaeus demonstrate genuine repentance, and how did it impact the people around him?

How might a transformed life become a witness to the people around us?

Why do you think God often uses relationships and community as part of our transformation?

What evidence of God's transforming work can you see in your life today that wasn't present a year ago?

2. Throughout Scripture, God's people repeatedly wander from Him, yet God repeatedly pursues them with mercy. Hosea gives us a glimpse into God's heart toward His wayward people and reminds us that repentance begins not only with recognizing our sin, but with seeing God's compassion.

Read Hosea 11:1-11.

What stands out to you about God's relationship with His people in this passage?

How does God describe His care and provision for Israel?

What surprises you about God's response to Israel's rebellion?

Why do you think people often find it easier to believe God is disappointed in them than compassionate toward them?

What would change if you approached God this week with confidence in His mercy rather than fear of His disappointment?

For Practice

Repentance begins with seeing God clearly. This week, spend time reflecting on God's mercy and compassion. Read Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 103:8-14, or Luke 15:11-32. As you pray, ask God to reveal any area of your life where He may be inviting you toward repentance, and then take one practical step of obedience in response.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the people of Iran and the surrounding region during this time of conflict. Ask God to bring peace, comfort those experiencing fear or loss, and strengthen believers to remain faithful even in difficult circumstances.