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3. Repentance _____ me _____ with Jesus.

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WEEK 2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[CONNECT]

What are some “relational” house rules you either had growing up, or currently have in your home? (ex. Never go to bed angry; be quick to apologize to each other; never hold a grudge towards one another).

[ENGAGE]

What stood out to you from this weekend’s message?

[GROW]

Read Matthew 4:17 in multiple translations/versions of the Bible. Discuss how do you hear or imagine the voice of Jesus as he declares, “Repent”, and why. (ex. Angry and hostile? Urgent and important? Loving and inviting?)

Why do some people find it so difficult to say, “I’m sorry...” Is it pride? Stubbornness? Maybe he or she feels as if apologizing isn’t going to do any good? What else could it be?

The definition of repent means to “turn away from.” From what was Jesus warning his audience to turn away? If his words are to “return to God,” were they people who once served the Lord, but now have abandoned Him?

One of the popular sayings in our culture right now is, “You do you! If it feels good, and you’re happy, and you’re not hurting anyone, then you do you.” That’s the opposite of what God says. That mentality totally contradicts what Jesus said. Jesus said, Matthew 6:33 seek first his kingdom and his righteousness.

If Jesus is telling us to “repent” and turn away from our current path (that leads to death), then what are some other dangers of living our lives OUR way?

It’s actually possible to live in a posture of consistent repentance. An attitude of repentance communicates to God that it’s never about you, and that He’s always in control. Repentance is a way to say that He is God and I am not. Repentance isn’t us crawling on the ground crying and screaming out to God begging him to forgive our sins. It’s a daily surrender of my will to God’s will. What experiences do you have of repenting to God?

Since repentance is indeed a decision, shouldn’t we do it often? Is there harm in daily repenting to God? Is it necessary?

Repentance connects us deeply with Jesus. There are several things Jesus requires of humanity in order for us to have a relationship with him. A surrendered life, a humbled spirit, and an admission of wrongdoings, or... repentance. If we do this, here’s what He promises us:

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Not some wickedness. ALL wickedness.

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

If you repent, he is faithful and just to forgive you...and cleanse you. Don’t you want that? Don’t you crave that? Don’t you want to live the rest of your one life on this earth...forgiven and clean?

No matter who you are today, no matter what you’ve done, God is faithful and just to forgive you of all your sin. Of all your wrongdoings. Of all the times you’ve missed the mark. He’s challenging you to turn away from your sin, and turn to him. And that begins with repentance.

He will NOT reject a broken and repentant heart...