

Jubilee Outreach Small Group Bible Study

Godly Repentance – Pt. 2

ICEBREAKER: Before coming to the Lord, what was your greatest regret?

READ: 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word repentance? Repentance is not just confessing or acknowledging you were wrong (I'm sorry is not good enough). It is a deep regret for what you have done, realizing you have been wrong before God and may even have hurt others. As a result there is a heartfelt commitment not to continue in or repeat the sin/action. It follows that you won't be rationalizing what you did or in any way be blaming others for your sin. It also follows that you would do what ever it took to get right with God and make it right with others (if you have hurt or offended them).

2. Have you ever had a deep regret for something you have done? What did you do about it?

READ: Ps 51:17 Metanoia: Greek for change of mind (heart), a reversal, to think differently. The real test for repentance is whether the person has actually changed and no longer exhibits the sinful behavior, or at least is actively engaged in battling to overcome it. That's why John the Baptist said in Luke 3:8 to bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance.

3. When you repent, is it mostly feeling sorry or is it true repentance? How can you tell?

READ: Luke 3:8-14 There can be a confession without repentance that can be deceiving since there may solely be an outward appearance of contrition. That is, there can be a confession from the mouth that is not from the heart

4. Does repentance mean agreement or disagreement with God? In First John it states that we must confess our sins. The word confess here is *homologeō* in the Greek which means to say the same thing as; to agree with. This means our confession must be based on seeing the sin as God sees it, agreeing it is as bad as He says it is.

ACTION: Spend time in prayer for Godly repentance.