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Today's Focus:

Repentance, Key to Times of Refreshing

Acts 3:11-26

What repent and be converted IS NOT?

- 1. "I **KNOW** that what I did was wrong."
- 2. "I **FEEL** bad about what I've done."
- 3. "I HATE that I did that."
- 4. "I **WANT** to do better next time."

What repent and be converted IS?

- 1. I'm a sinner and I take responsibility for my sins.
- 2. I choose to totally change directions.
- 3. I simply can't do it in my own strength.
- 4. I choose to lay my sin at the cross in full humility.
- 5. Please, Lord, forgive me and give me a refreshed life.
- 6. I resolve to walk a new path.

God Promises Times of Refreshment:

The concept of refreshing and restoration based on repentance is documented in the bible.

- 2 Samuel 24
- Joel 2:16-17, 18, 25-28
- 1 Kings 18:30-36
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Growth Group Study Questions

For the week of April 30, 2023

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MY EXPERIENCES

This weekend we learned about repentance in our relationship with God. When we live that out in our relationships, it leads to apologizing and asking for forgiveness. Think of a time when you asked someone for forgiveness. How did you feel before approaching that person? How about after?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1. How do you understand Christian repentance? Do you view it as only something that happens at the beginning of your walk with the Lord or are you seeking His face daily, asking for His forgiveness when you are convicted?
- 2. There are many ways to make repentance a part of our lives. Aside from including it in personal devotions we can also think of the events of the day before we go to sleep and consider whether we need to repent of something before we shut our eyes. Share some practical ways of making this possible.
- 3. True Biblical repentance is not only a call to stop sinning by changing our behavior, but a call to turn toward God. One of the best illustrations of repentance is the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.
 - a. Read Luke 19:1-10 and write down anything that stands out to you in relation to repentance and forgiveness.
 - b. When we repent in our relationship with God, it often leads to changes in how we interact with others. What do you think it would have been like for Zacchaeus to approach those he wronged to ask forgiveness and pay back those he cheated?
 - c. In the story above, Zacchaeus was a new follower of Jesus, and we see repentance displayed in his life. Would you agree or disagree with the following statement? "The longer a person follows Jesus, the less they need to repent."

d. Discuss what true repentance is.

HOMEWORK

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what is most important for you to remember and why?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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SERVICE PROJECTS

Please continue to discuss and work on your service projects. Pray about it as you discuss and let the Holy Spirit lead you.