

Group Discussion Guide

Week of August 8, 2021

Life Abundantly – Confession & Repentance

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Share a time you were going somewhere... you went the wrong direction... and you had to turn around. (driving, skiing, hiking, etc.)
- Are you more the type of person who keeps going and hopes it works out, or are you more apt to turn around as soon as you realize you're going the wrong way?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

Jesus desires to give us life abundantly which often comes through confession and repentance.

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

Read – Ephesians 3:19

- What do you think it means to experience the FULLNESS OF GOD?
- When in life do you feel like you have been the closest to experiencing the FULLNESS OF GOD? Explain.
- What do you think are some of the things that keep us from experiencing the FULLNESS OF GOD?

Read – John 7:37-38

- What do you think Jesus is explaining here?
- Do you feel like you are experiencing this promise of Jesus in your life?
- Based on Jesus' statement, what is necessary for us to experience this?

- If you are not currently experiencing “rivers of living water” flowing out of you, what do you think is missing?

Read – Acts 3:19

- What did Peter say precedes times of refreshing?

■ **REPENTANCE = TURNING AROUND**

- If you are not currently experiencing REFRESHMENT in your life, is it possible there is a need for REPENTANCE in your life?
- What causes us to resist repentance?
- Can you share a time when you repented and experienced refreshment?

Read – Psalm 139:23-24

- How do we let God search our hearts?
- What does David identify as the ultimate purpose of allowing God to search our hearts?
- Where is repentance found in this prayer from Psalm 139?
- Why is it dangerous to be aware of your wickedness, but then not allowing God to lead you in the way everlasting?

Read – Psalm 51:10-12

- What actions in these verses were DAVID'S responsibility?
- What actions in these verses were GOD'S responsibility?

TAKING IT HOME

Read – 1 John 1:9

- What is OUR responsibility regarding confession and repentance?
- What is GOD'S responsibility regarding confession and repentance?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS