

Read Matthew 21:28-32

1. How would you describe the actions of the two sons?
2. Which son demonstrated repentance?
3. Why is repentance so important?

Read 2 Corinthians 7:9-11

4. How do our emotions play a part in our repentance?
5. What is the difference between "Godly sorrow" and "worldly sorrow"?
6. How would you define "surrender"?

Read Mark 8:34-35

7. What does it look like for us to "deny ourselves"? Why is it important?
8. What does it look like for us to take up our cross and follow Jesus?
9. Surrender subjects our desires and actions to God's way of doing life. What area(s) of your life is God asking you to surrender to him?

Read Romans 10:8-13

10. How do we enter into relationship with God?
11. What do you think is the importance of proclaiming with your mouth "Jesus is Lord"?

Action Steps

Exodus 6:6-7

"...I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians."

Realities of Faith in Jesus

Below are five realities we can cling to when we choose to commit our lives to Jesus. (This list is not exhaustive.) Take some time to reflect on each of these realities this week.

We are made new! *2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15*

We are adopted! *Romans 8:14-17, 23; Galatians 4:4-7*

We are free! *Romans 6:6-7, 19-23; Galatians 5:1-12; Colossians 1:21-23; Hebrews 9:15*

The Holy Spirit is with us! *John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 1:13; 2 Timothy 1:14*

We have a purpose! *Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Ephesians 4:11-13*