

Sunday Centerpoint

Key Takeaways:

1. Biblical repentance (metanoeo) means more than changing your mind—it's a change of attitude and genuine sorrow for sin (not just being sorry you got caught).
2. The main point: Prayer and repentance precedes revival—this was true in Solomon's day, John the Baptist's day, and is true for us today.
3. Salvation cannot be inherited—each person must decide for themselves whether Jesus is for them.
4. Pursue Christ's righteousness, not just rightness—when we focus on our relationship with Christ, the "rightness" sorts itself out as good fruit.
5. Humble repentance allows God to do amazing things—it gets our pride out of the way so the Holy Spirit can work.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did John the Baptist preach repentance before Jesus arrived? What was he preparing people for?
2. Jason quoted Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones: "We shall never fly to Christ until we realize that we are poor and helpless." What does this mean? Do you agree?
3. Read 2 Chronicles 7:14 together. What are the conditions God sets for revival? What is His promise?
4. Jason confessed being more concerned with what people thought of him than being obedient to the Holy Spirit. Can you relate to this struggle? In what areas of your life do you prioritize people's opinions over God's calling?
5. What's the difference between caring about "rightness" (rules, appearance) versus pursuing "Christ's righteousness" (relationship with Him)? Which do you tend to focus on more?
6. Think about the metaphor of cleaning the inside versus the outside of the cup (Matthew 23:25-26). What are some ways we focus on external appearances while neglecting our inner spiritual life?

Practical Applications:

1. **Prayer:** Commit to praying daily this week for revival in your own heart, your family, and your church.
2. **Fasting:** Consider fasting from one meal, social media, or entertainment this week to focus on seeking God.
3. **Repentance:** Write down one thing you need to repent of and take action to turn away from it this week.
4. **Fruit inspection:** Ask someone you trust to give you honest feedback about the "fruit" they see in your life.

