

# Sermon Discussion Questions

8<sup>th</sup> Day People: The Turn – Matt Slocum  
14 January 2024  
Sermon Text: Ephesians 4:20-32

## AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

## MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week Matt continues the sermon series called **8<sup>th</sup> Day People**. The title of the sermon this week is **The Turn**. We are called to turn from our “old self”, but what are we turning to?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. What is something that stood out to you from this message?
2. Discuss the idea that the Old Self is still present after the New Self has been given.
3. The idea of repentance is founded in the Hebrew word “*Shuv*” which means to turn. In Deuteronomy 30:1-3 Moses instructs Israel to turn to God. What are some practical differences between ‘turning from’ things in our lives and ‘turning to’ the goodness of God?
4. Do you still struggle with shame in your life? Have you noticed any signs of shame? (*ie. You imagine Jesus’ feet instead of his face, retreating in worship or looking down.*)

## APPLICATION

Spend time asking God to show areas you need to turn from. Pray for the Holy Spirit to come and bring release from shame so you can turn to God in freedom.

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is one of your favorite television shows? Why?
2. If you could talk to any famous person (alive or dead), who would it be and what would you ask them?
3. What cartoon character do you think best fits your personality?

## **COMING UP**

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

**Baptisms**, 28 Jan at 9:00 and 11:00 am, Oak Park High School, 825 NE 79th Terrace, Kansas City, MO.  
Baptism class is on 21 Jan at 10:30 in the school library.

## **FINAL THOUGHT**

**Repentance is not turning from something, but rather, turning to something.**