



## REFLECT

1. Would you rather the weather in Iowa always be January or July? What would need to happen to make you change your mind?

Within the doctrine of conversion is the teaching about repentance. Repentance is a “turning around.” It requires turning away from sin and turning toward God. When you were saved, God miraculously turned your heart toward Christ and changed your mind about Christ.

2. How did God work in your life to cause you to turn your heart toward Christ? What did you turn from? What did you turn toward?

## ENCOUNTER

As a growth group, read through 2 Corinthians 3:7-4:6. In this passage, Paul contrasts the Law (the Old Covenant) against the Gospel (the New Covenant).

3. What similarities and differences are there between the Law and the Gospel according to 2 Corinthians 3:7-11?
4. How is Israel’s response to the Law different from the Church’s response to the Gospel according to 2 Corinthians 3:12-18?
5. The goal of the Gospel is for God to reconcile humans to himself. This requires a change of heart. How does God bring about this change according to 2 Corinthians 4:1-6?

## TRANSFORM

Paul says that the Gospel ministry we have been given as the Church requires four commitments: (1) We must persevere. (2) We must renounce hidden sin. (3) We must not peddle God’s Word for selfish gain. (4) We must, before God, live truthfully and consistently according to God’s Word.

6. Which of the four commitments do you struggle with the most? Explain.
7. What next steps do you need to take in your open declaration of the truth to the unbelievers in your life?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

8. One More Disciple

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!”*

*~ The Apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 5:17) ~*