UNIT 15 | SESSION 2

GOD RECEIVES THE PEOPLE'S REPENTANCE

2 Chronicles 34:1-11,14-15,18-21

MAIN POINT:
True repentance leads to worship and obedience.

HIS STORY

- **Who are some other examples throughout history of young people making a positive impact on their culture?**
- **How has someone else's example of personal repentance and faith challenged you in your own life?**
- **Why do you think Josiah saw the restoration of the temple as a worthy task?**
- **When has God's Word overwhelmed you with personal conviction and a greater sense of God's holiness?**
- **If God's Word is sharper than a sword and able to communicate God's power and holiness, then why do we treat it as something as optional in the Christian life?**

Essential Doctrine

Repentance | Repentance is a response to God's gracious call to salvation. It includes a genuine sorrow for one's sin (Luke 5:1-11), a turning away from one's sin toward Christ (Acts 26:15-20), and a life that reflects lasting change and transformation (Ps. 119:57-60). It is the human counterpart to God's work of regeneration; in other words, the human side of our conversion.

Christ Connection

Josiah was a good king whom God used to lead the people back to Him, but he was not the perfect king that the people needed. Jesus is the righteous King of kings who brings us to God by paying our sin penalty and giving us His righteousness.

HEAD

- **Why do we find it difficult sometimes to talk about repentance?**
- **What are some similarities between Josiah's desire to restore the temple and the New Testament's teaching that God's people are now the temple where the Holy Spirit resides?**

HEART

- **How would you define repentance? Where else is repentance talked about, and why does the Bible give it so much attention?**
- **Why is daily faith and repentance a better strategy to fight ongoing sin than sheer willpower?**

HANDS

- **How does repentance lead us to love and serve others better?**
- **What are you passionate about in God's Kingdom? How can you help spread that passion with others this week?**