

Politics Starts at Home

Psalm 51:10-17; 2 Chronicles 7:13-14; Romans 2:1-4 & 3:21-24; Matthew 7:1-5

"If Lane Kiffin wants more students at Ole Miss home games he should start with his own _____!" The same is true for politics. Promoting the values needed for healthy decision making in society starts at _____.

Last week we talked about the poison of politics; the self-righteousness, the inconsistency and the _____. Well, the solution is _____.

We _____ talking about repentance when it's for "those people." It's really easy to point out what our _____ are doing wrong and rant about what they should do instead. But what makes us think we can solve the _____ problems when we can't even seem to solve our _____.

Besides, God won't let us _____ there. He wants us to start here in the family of faith and our own _____.

Self-reflection, self-awareness, confession and repentance are not easy to come by. In a world full of people with extremely fragile egos, it's nearly impossible. Except for Christians that know the _____ of God.

Today is Reformation Sunday for many congregations around the world. It's a celebration of the recovery of the Good News of God's infinite love for us in Jesus. Nothing we do can make God love us _____. Nothing we can do will make him love us _____. ALL sin is _____ in and through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Nothing you discover about yourself, nothing you _____ about yourself, will change your standing before God for those who are in Christ. In fact, it could even strengthen your faith and your relationship with the Lord!

*"...if **my people** who are called by my name **humble** themselves, and **pray** and **seek my face** and **turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and **heal their land**." - 2 Chronicles 7:14*

Where is there _____ sin lurking in YOUR life? Where is there _____ and rage boiling over in YOU? Face to face and on social media? How are YOUR _____ exacerbating the political problems in this world and relationships in general? Where is materialism and _____ taking control of YOU?

Repentance is not just recognizing what God wants us to _____ doing. It's also recognizing what we have _____ to do despite his clear _____.

Where have we failed to show _____ when we could have? Or failed to help a person in need? More than just a couple of bucks here or there? What about speaking the _____ - GENTLY? Forgiveness? What does our _____ life look like? Are we diligently studying the _____? Actively _____ them to our children and grandchildren?

How is God calling you to repentance today?

What's ONE thing he wants you to STOP doing?

What ONE thing he wants you to START doing?

Who is God calling you to ASK to help you stick to it?