

The Gift of Repentance

Open The Conversation: Share one of your favorite things about fall!

Key Scripture: Read the following together.

“Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, 17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow. 18 “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.”

Isaiah 1:16-18

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

Start Sharing: Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.

- Where in your life have you mistaken repentance for guilt or shame, rather than seeing it as an invitation into joy and freedom? → Reflect on how you’ve viewed repentance in the past — as punishment or as a doorway into intimacy with God.
- What areas of your heart or habits are you still withholding from God, refusing to turn over completely? → Be honest about hidden attitudes, fears, or behaviors that need to come into the light.
- When was the last time repentance led you to deeper love and gratitude for Jesus? → Think about a time when repentance actually rekindled your love for Him instead of just making you feel remorseful.
- How does true repentance—turning in the core of our being toward God—change the way we live and love? → Explore how repentance goes deeper than behavior modification and affects our heart posture, relationships, and joy.
- What would it look like for our community to live as people who continually repent — not out of fear, but out of love? → Imagine a culture of ongoing repentance and how it might bring unity, freedom, and revival among believers.

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

“Father, we come to you with a repentant heart. Show us where to surrender to You. We thank you for the gift of repentance, and trust You to lead us deeper into Your love. Amen.”