

The Gift of Repentance Part 4

Open The Conversation: Share something you are grateful for!

Key Scripture: Read the following together.

“5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. 6 Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. 7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. 8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. 9 Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish? 10 Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.”

Jonah 3:5-10

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.

- In what areas of your life is God inviting you to deeper repentance — not just behavior change, but a transformation of heart and motive? How can you respond to His love rather than merely react to the consequences of sin?
- What areas of your life have you surrendered outwardly, but not yet yielded inwardly — in your motives, desires, or thoughts? What would it look like to let Jesus into the “why” behind your actions?
- Why do you think true repentance begins with humility rather than self-improvement?
- How does the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9–14) help us see that difference?
- How does a lifestyle of repentance lead to joy, holiness, and deeper relationship with Jesus? What practices (like prayer, confession, community, or worship) help keep repentance alive in your relationship with Jesus?

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

“Father, we welcome you to work in our hearts as we come to you in repentance. We desire to let you in to our “why” and come to you with a genuine heart of repentance. We long to be close to you!”