Sermon Discussion Questions Week of Sunday, March 20, 2016

"The Repentance that Leads to Life"
Acts 11:1-18

In preparation for your home group this week:

Read

- 1. Proverbs 10:19; 15:28 (Go to Talk #1)
- 2. Romans 2:4; 2 Corinthians 7:2-11 (Go to Talk #2)
- 3. <u>Genesis 43:15-44:17</u> (Go to Talk #3)
- 4. <u>James 4:6-10</u> (Go to Talk #5)

Talk

- 1. Peter responded patiently when wrongly accused. What did he focus on? What can you do when you are in a similar situation?
- 2. What are the characteristics of true repentance that we must know and live?
- 3. How does grace lead to repentance?
- 4. Discuss these
- 1. Repent of your good works because even your best efforts are like filthy garments. We wrongly think the good things we do makes God our debtor, that He will love us and bless us more. Turn from everything you think makes you more acceptable to God and fall at His mercy. The shed blood of Jesus Christ is your only hope."
- 2. Our repentance costs us our pride; it cost Jesus His life. He laid it down by His will; and took it up for His glory and our eternal good.
- 3. Repentance is a gift of God that replaces the bitter stinging rain of sin and shame with the sweet gracious reign of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4. Repentance is much more than repeated sentimental apologies, or feeling bad because we got caught; it is ongoing confession of our sin and Christ's adequacy. Repentance is God-enabled trusting in Jesus for a cleansed heart and humble life.
- 5. How do these verses illustrate repentance?

Pray

- That God would be glorified.
- That you would be a blessing in your group.
- That people's needs would be met.
- That friendships would be built and strengthened.
- That the group would serve God's purposes.

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