



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 30th July 2023



Essential Jesus: Luke 5:27-32 Repentance

Warm Up

Who is your favourite historical missionary? Why? Don't know any? What do you think a missionary is or does?

Background and context

Repentance is one of those words that sometimes gets lost in our experiences of Christianity. We speak of salvation and forgiveness. These are right, but we forget that Jesus calls us to repent and believe. The idea of repentance was counter cultural in Jesus' time just as it is today. People do not see the need to change their behaviour to fit Biblical truths. Modern society has justified unjust and immoral behaviours and made them appear normal.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

READ LUKE 5:27-30 *What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.*



The word repentance (Metanoia in Greek) means to change your mind about God and do things that show we have changed our mind.

1. Repentance is the key message in the New Testament. Read Matt 3:2, Matt 4:17, Matt 15:10 Luke 13:3-5, Luke 15:10 Acts 2:38, Acts 17:30, Acts 26:20.
Why is it so important? Why is it so hard for so many people?
2. When you became a Christian and repented of your sin, what changed for you in your life? If you are able, share a testimony.
3. Why is society's view of sexual freedom (as long as it is consensual then it is nobody's business) so challenging for people thinking about repenting and following Jesus?
4. In what way does a Christian attitude to money differ from the western world view?
Does it really matter?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application



5. How should faith in Jesus alter our perception of the world and its attitudes to life? Can you give examples?
6. Are there things you are clinging onto in your life that need further repentance?

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.