

Family Studies on Repentance - All Things Are Made New

- Recommended Hymn: Be Thou My Vision
- **Isaiah 1:27 - “Zion shall be redeemed by justice, and those in her who repent, by righteousness.”**
 - Who or what is Zion? Why is Zion in need of being redeemed? How does this relate to our need for redemption today?
 - How do the concepts of justice and righteousness lead to repentance? How do they lead those who repent to the redemption promised by God?
 - How can we learn about and practice the justice and righteousness of God in our lives today? How can we help each other do so as a family?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** guidance and wisdom as we seek God's justice and righteousness that lead to redemption.
- Recommended Hymn: Bring Christ Your Broken Life
- **Ezekiel 18:32 - “For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”**
 - Read this paragraph (vv. 30-32) together. What is the main point God is trying to get across in this passage?
 - What are some things in which God does take pleasure? How can we make these things a part of our lives?
 - How can we help others understand the need to turn to God and live as one of His people?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** the Lord's grace and favor to be shown to us as we turn to Him and help others do the same.
- Recommended Hymn: A New Anointing
- **Matthew 4:17 - “From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”**
 - What is the kingdom of heaven? Why would Jesus be telling people to repent in preparation for its coming?
 - Why is it significant that this is the first message Jesus shares with those around Him during His ministry?
 - How did Jesus give those around Him an example of what seeking the kingdom of heaven is like? How can we seek it and help others seek it in our lives?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** God to give strength and success to His kingdom and allow us to be a part of it through repentance.

- Recommended Hymn: Jesus, Hold My Hand
- **Acts 5:30-31** - “**The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.**”
 - Why is Jesus’s death on the cross important when discussing repentance?
 - What do Jesus’s roles as Leader and Savior mean to us? How do we see Him fulfilling these roles for us?
 - Why do the apostles say that repentance is a gift Christ has given His people? What does this mean to us as we seek to live in repentance?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** Christ’s role as our Leader and Savior to inform our repentance and fill our lives with His joy and peace.
- Recommended Hymn: Lord, Take Control
- **2 Corinthians 7:10** - “**For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.**”
 - Where else does the New Testament talk about grief? Based on this passage and these other references, what is the difference between godly grief and worldly grief?
 - How does repentance help remove regret from our lives? How can we repent of the things that would hold us back from salvation and cause us to have regrets as Christians?
 - Is there something in our lives that we feel godly grief about? How will we repent, and help each other to repent, starting now?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** the sins in our lives that we repent of and give to God, and for His promise of salvation to be realized in us.
- Recommended Hymn: Arms of Love
- **Revelation 2:4-5** - “**But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.**”
 - How are love and repentance related? Why is love a necessary part of a life of repentance?
 - How can we make sure we are still in love with Christ and with being Christians? How will other people know that we are still living in the light of His love for us?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** God’s love to transform our hearts, minds, words, and actions so that we may glorify Him and experience His salvation through Christ.