



## Key References:

**Luke 24:45–47** (ESV) – Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and said to them, “**Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.**

**2 Corinthians 7:10** (ESV) – For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

**1 John 1:7–10** (ESV) – But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.<sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.<sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**James 5:16a** (ESV) – Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

**Acts 3:19–20** (ESV) – Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,<sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus

**Ezekiel 16:8** (ESV) – “When I passed by you again and saw you, behold, you were at the age for love, and I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness; I made my vow to you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord GOD, and you became mine.

## 1 – THE DOORWAY

Within a sermon series titled “becoming like Christ” why would we talk about repentance? How is it different from the other weeks?

In his opening Wes said: “*repentance doesn't run parallel [to Jesus' example], like with the concept of prayer or temptation, as we look at becoming like Christ. Instead, for us, repentance is the way of life, it is the key by which all those other things come into being...*” **How is repentance a way of life for us becoming like Christ?**

Read Luke 24:45-47. **How central and foundational is repentance to the gospel? Can someone be saved without entering through repentance?** Wes said that “*repentance & faith go hand-in-hand.*” **What did he mean?**

## 2 – GUILT

Knowledge of our sin without repentance leads to guilt. Read 2 Corinthians 7:10. **What's the difference between worldly-guilt & godly-conviction?**

Wes mentioned blame shifting; avoidance; numbing pain with pleasure; criticizing others; trying to over-achieve; extreme generosity; and beating up yourself as products of guilt. **What has unrepented of sin produced in your life? Why do we avoid repentance if guilt & shame lead to pain?**

## 3 – NAKEDNESS

Read Genesis 3:8–11. **Why do we hide from God? Do you ever identify with that feeling of nakedness that Adam & Eve experienced before God?**

Wes said: “*so many of us workaholics, perfectionists, obsessed with how we look, or criticizing others, driven to achieve... We are covering up our nakedness! We are trying to patch up a lost sense of righteousness. But; God is saying 'if you try and cover yourself then I cannot cover you. But if you expose yourself to me then I will cover you.'*” **In repentance how are we exposing ourselves to God and others?**

Read 1 John 1:7-10. **How can confess our sins? How are we being deceived in staying unrepentant?**

Read James 5:16. **What is a healthy way to practice this? Who are you accountable to? How do you loving people to be find accountable to?**

## 4 – REFRESHING

On Sunday Wes read from Ezekiel 16:4-12 where to Lord clothes the naked. **How is this a beautiful picture of what Christ has done for us?**

Read Acts 3:19-20. **How does Jesus refresh us after repentance?**