ANN ARBOR CHURCH

REPENTANCE: OUR RESPONSE TO GRACE

Purpose:
- To help produce godly sorrow and transformation as a response to God's grace

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

Acts 3:19
- Repentance is a transformation of heart and mind- changing the way we think and the way we act.
- Repentance brings times of refreshing and is a key step to receiving salvation

WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE?

2 Corinthians 5:14-15
- God's love should compel us to live for him

Titus 2:11-14
- Grace teaches us to say 'No' to sin (to repent!)
- Grace should impact our hearts, our actions, our work, our attitude, and our lifestyle.
- Understanding grace is the key to overcoming our sin and repenting.

WHAT DOES REPENTANCE LOOK LIKE?

2 Corinthians 7:8-11
- There are two types of 'sorrow': Godly and Worldly
- Godly sorrow produces life, while worldly sorrow brings death
- Godly sorrow is characterized by eagerness to change, alarm at our sin, concern for our righteousness and a desire to transform evidenced by our action
- Worldly sorrow is feeling bad without change, it is self-pity, it is guilt with no action.

2 Timothy 2:22
- Repentance is a measurable, obvious lifestyle change
- It means that we "flee" from our evil desires and instead pursue righteousness

Matthew 5:29-30
- Repentance often requires radical action
- Share personally about a time when you took racial action to repent in your life

AT A GLANCE

SCRIPTURES:
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END OF STUDY CONVERSATION:
- Take some time and talk specifically about the core sins they have previously identified
- Are they willing to make effort to repent of those sins?
- Do they have a plan for their repentance?
- Identify specific scriptures that apply to their core sin and areas of needed change

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