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KINGDOM PRIORITY #3 - REPENTANCE

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Introduction:

3 Places Repentance IS NOT FOUND:

◆ Repentance IS NOT FOUND in my _____ way of _____.

◆ Repentance IS NOT FOUND in _____ myself _____ from the _____.

- ◆ Repentance IS NOT FOUND in my old way of operating.
- ◆ Repentance IS NOT FOUND in cutting myself off from the world.
- ◆ Repentance IS NOT FOUND in my own _____ - _____.

1 Place Repentance IS FOUND:

◆ Repentance IS FOUND in recognizing my _____ for _____ and _____ in his call.

Repentance Definition: Changing my mind to agree with God about who he is and what he has done... in such a way that changes my understanding about who I am and what I must do.

Big Idea: Repent by recognizing your _____ for _____ and _____ call.

Personal Reflection and Application:

1. Is there any sin you are holding onto, hoping that “repentance” and that sin can coexist? Is there any “weight” that is keeping you from following Christ more fully that you need to cast aside (see Hebrews 12:1)?
2. Have you ever been tempted to believe that sin is more “outside” of you than “inside of you? What leads to this belief? How has this thinking caused problems in your life?
3. Do you find yourself trusting in your own effort to overcome sin?
4. How have you found the answer to the problem of your sin in recognizing your need for Jesus and following him in his call?

Gospel Community Discussion Questions:

- 1) As a group, brainstorm problems or situations where the solution is not easily solved, and requires an “expert” in the field to provide the solution and the plan to get there? How is this similar to our need for Jesus to diagnose our problem and provide the solution for it?
- 2) Read Luke 5:27-28 and Hebrews 12:1-2. Why is “leaving everything and following Jesus” an important part of repentance? What happens when we try to repent while maintaining our old ways of operating (thinking and behaving)?
- 3) Read Luke 5:29. How do Levi’s actions actually demonstrate his repentance? Why isn’t repentance the same as “cutting yourself off from the world?” How can we wisely follow Levi’s example while not falling into temptation?
- 4) Read Luke 5:30. What kept the Pharisees and scribes from genuine repentance and why? How could we fall into the same trap?
- 5) Read Luke 5:31-32. What is Jesus’ diagnosis of our main problem? What is his prescription, and how does it address the main problem?

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable. Catch up on ongoing prayer/accountability requests, and cry out to God for one another and for those to whom you are taking the gospel.