

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

10. Reflect on what you know you struggle with. How might an unrepentant heart affect our worship, our relationships with others, or our service in the church? What are some practical steps we might take toward cultivating an attitude of repentance before God?

11. How does repentance open up opportunities for us to be used by God? How have you experienced this?

12. How can we help each other express our repentance here at Okotoks? How can group members help one another live in the freedom that repentance brings?

Prayer Requests

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January 25, 2015

Still Without Excuse

Sermon Notes

Romans 2:1-16

We are without excuse before God because . . .

1. We know _____

v. 1-11; 1 Cor. 6:1-3;
5:12; Romans 14:4,
Matthew 7:1-2;
Romans 6:23

2. We _____ God's Law

v. 12-16

We will have no excuse that can _____ God's
_____.

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

January 25-31, 2015

THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Share a time when you were caught breaking the law without being aware you were doing so. Did the fact that you were unaware of the law lead to lighter consequences? Did it make you any less guilty?

2. Share about a time when you knowingly broke the law. Why do we sometimes do this? What does this tell us about ourselves?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ PSALM 51:1-5.

3. How would you define “repentance”? How do you know if repentance is real? What is the result of genuine repentance?

4. This Psalm had a context (2 Sam. 11:1-27). How did David try to cover up his sin against Bathsheba, Uriah, and ultimately, against God (2 Sam. 11:1-27)? Did he succeed in doing so? What does this tell us about the nature of sin and the necessity of true repentance?

5. How did David feel about what he done (vv. 4-5)? Why is our sin always ultimately against God?

6. What is the main thing David is asking for in verses 1-5? How would you describe his attitude? Why is it important that we, like David, acknowledge God’s character when we ask for forgiveness?

READ PSALM 51:6-12.

7. What is David’s general prayer in these verses? How do David’s specific requests reflect his view of sin and of God? What changes when we acknowledge our sins and ask for forgiveness?

8. What does David do that demonstrates godly grief? What is the difference between godly grief for sin and just grieving for being caught? What can we learn from David’s example of godly grief when confronted by our sin?

9. David prays for spiritual renewal in verses 10-12. Why is this an important follow up to our prayers for forgiveness? How do David’s requests in these verses contribute to spiritual renewal?