

## Gospel Truth – Repent

**Mark 1:9-15 (NLT)** - One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. <sup>10</sup>As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.” <sup>12</sup>The Spirit then compelled Jesus to go into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup>where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. He was out among the wild animals, and angels took care of him. <sup>14</sup>Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God’s Good News. <sup>15</sup>“The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”

**John 8:1-11 (NLT)** - Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, <sup>2</sup>but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup>As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. <sup>4</sup>“Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup>The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?” <sup>6</sup>They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. <sup>7</sup>They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” <sup>8</sup>Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. <sup>9</sup>When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” <sup>11</sup>“No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

Repentance means that we turn from one thing and to another.

## Study Guide

This last week we spoke about what Repentance is and how it is more than a call to feel bad about our sin. It is an invitation to embrace new life with Jesus.

Take a moment to read John 21. What about this portion of scripture stands out to you? What does it tell you about repentance?

Peter seems to have made the same mistake that others make many times: he only did a part of the process of repentance. He clearly feels bad about what happened, but he isn’t moving forward, instead he has moved backwards.

When you look at your life and your experience with repentance, have there been times when you haven’t moved forward? Times when you have turned from something but not to something else? Why do you think it can be hard for us to move past the condemnation we feel into new life?

Take a moment to share some areas of your life where you are turning to or want to turn to new life? What is the better version of a part of your life that God is calling you to?

Take a moment to pray for each other that we would be quick to repent and turn to the new life that God has for us.