

Sunday, March 15th, 2009

Please read the focus verses for this week; Mark 1:15; 2 Corinthians 7:9-12 several times very slowly.

Jesus said that “the time has come.” What do you think He meant by that?

Why is repentance and belief the criteria for the kingdom of God?

Acts 3:19 (NIV)

¹⁹*Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.*

What is the result of repentance?

Prayer focus:

Spend some time in prayer, giving thanks to God for that what He has done for you, is doing for you and will do for you. Ask Him for His refreshing presence in every area of your life. Clearly renounce sin areas that you have repented of and declare the changes that have been appropriated.

A 40-Day Journey . . .

Week #2 - Repentance

March 9th -15th, 2009

This Week's Scripture Focus:

Mark 1:15 (NIV)

¹⁵*“The time has come,” he (Jesus) said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”*

2 Corinthians 7:9-11 (NIV)

⁹*yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us.*

¹⁰*Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*

¹¹*See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. ...*

Monday, March 9th, 2009

Please read the focus verses for this week; Mark 1:15; 2 Corinthians 7:9-12 several times very slowly (on page one).

What steps are presented in these verses that lead to salvation?

When you are sorry/regretful about something, does it always bring about change?

Why can being sorry/regretful about something be a positive emotion?

Are there currently things in your life that you feel sorry/regretful about?

Prayer focus:

Talk to God about the things that you are sorry about, focusing on *why* you feel sorry or feel regret.

Saturday, March 14th, 2009

Please read the focus verses for this week, Mark 1:15; and 2 Corinthians 7:9-12 several times very slowly.

Describe the changes that happened within the church at Corinth after they repented.

Describe some changes that happened in your life after you repented of something.

Why can you not have repentance without changes?

Prayer focus:

As you reflect on the events of this past week, are there things that you need to repent for? Ask God to help bring about the changes in your life that reflect true repentance.

Friday, March 13th, 2009

Please read the focus verses for this week, Mark 1:15; and 2 Corinthians 7:9-12 several times very slowly.

Can you really believe in something and doubt it at the same time?

When we say we believe in Jesus Christ and live independent of Jesus, what are we really saying?

Ephesians 1:18-19a (NASB)

¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

Prayer focus:

Write Ephesians 1:18-19a in the form of a personal prayer on a piece of paper. Pray that prayer at three different times today (do more often if possible).

Tuesday, March 10th, 2009

Please read the focus verses for this week, Mark 1:15; and 2 Corinthians 7:9-12 several times very slowly.

What does the word “repentance” mean to you?

Write a definition of repentance based upon our scripture verses.

What would it take for you to move from sorry or regret to repentance?

Prayer focus:

Ask God to show you today a real life example of the difference between sorry/regret and repentance.

Wednesday, March 11th, 2009

Please read the focus verses for this week, Mark 1:15; and 2 Corinthians 7:9-12 several times very slowly.

What would be the difference between God's kingdom and that which you are experiencing in your life today? *Hint:* In the Lord's Prayer (Matt 6:10) Jesus says, "*Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*"

What is hindering God's kingdom from being manifested in your life?

Prayer focus:

Ask God to clearly show you His will for your life and what is hindering that from taking place.

Thursday, March 12th, 2009

Please read the focus verses for this week, Mark 1:15; and 2 Corinthians 7:9-12 several times very slowly.

In 2 Corinthians 7:9-11, the church has just finished dealing with a sin issue. What are the results of their repentance?

Jesus said, "Repent and believe the good news!" In the past, when you have been repentant about something, what were the results?

Based on your knowledge of the Bible describe the "Good News" in terms of God's love for you, how He created you and His eternal hope for you.

Prayer focus:

Write out a prayer of thankfulness that incorporates the "Good News" in reference to you and then pray that prayer back to God.