

## THAT'S REPENTANCE?!

### Better Together

SERIES BIG IDEA:

**We are better together when we love one another.**

**I cannot separate my love for God from my love for others.**

**We cannot unhitch our worship to God from our relationships with others.**

<sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'<sup>22</sup>But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Matthew 5:21-22 (NIV)

**This isn't about what we say, as much as it is about the angry heart from which we speak.**

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

**When someone has wronged me, I'm reminded to make every effort to make peace with those I've wronged.**

<sup>7</sup>All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

<sup>8</sup>But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:7-10 (NIV)

**Repentance is restoring my relationship with others because Jesus restored my relationship with God.**

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**Because I'm right with God, I work hard to make things right with others, as far as it depends upon me.**

**Knowing that I'm right with God requires me to make things right with others.**

**True repentance is an active work to restore our relationship with others because Jesus restored our relationship with God.**

**Our relationship with God requires us to restore our relationships with others.**

<sup>15</sup>And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 5:15-16 (NIV)

1. **Receive forgiveness already given from God.**
2. **Confess to the person I've wronged.**
3. **Make restitution for the wrong, if possible.**  
**Or receive the forgiveness, if given, from the other person.**
4. **Continue to love and pray for each other.**

**As far as it depends on me, what must I do to restore my relationship with \_\_\_\_\_?**

## FURTHER READING FOR THIS WEEK

**Day 1: Luke 6:43-45**

**Day 2: Matthew 6:14-15**

**Day 3: Luke 17:3-4**

**Day 4: John 14:6**

**Day 5: Romans 6:8-14**

**Day 6: 1 John 4:7-12**