

## ***Announcements:***

**NO GROUND BREAKING** this week. It was canceled due to the land being tilled and the rain will be coming for Thursday. We will have a new date to have a night of prayer and worship at the land in the future.

**OPEN GROUP-** For those who are new to the church and are looking to get plugged in to D-groups. Also for couples in your groups that may be ready to lead their own groups next fall. Ask certain group members if they are interested in growing in their leadership within the church. Sign up at Veneration church .com

## **Group Discussion:**

I will continue to send out the group discussion that you can discriminate to your group even as you take a break. Our goal is that families would discuss around the dinner table, bbq or fire this summer. It will be consistently sent out for the purpose of putting the Word into action.

***Ice breaker:*** What is the most refreshing summer drink that takes you back to your childhood, or brings you joy and peace now?  
I.e. iced coffee, watermelon slushy or just an Arnold palmer ice tea and lemonade...

## **Observation Question (What do you see in the text and sermon?)**

In Acts 3:11–26, what repeated connection do you see between repentance, returning to God, and experiencing “times of refreshing,” and how does the pastor Luke’s sermon illustrate that connection through the prodigal son and the “white out” illustration?

Bonus: Does it feel like you want to keep erasing the “white out” instead of writing over what he covered?

## **Interpretation Question (What does the text and sermon say?)**

According to Peter's sermon in Acts 3, why is repentance more than simply feeling sorry for sin, and how does turning back to Jesus lead to true spiritual refreshing and restoration?

Bonus: How can we go from a feeling, to a deep realization of what the Grace of God truly has done for us?

## **Application Questions (How do we put the text into action?)**

1. What is something in your life right now that you may be holding onto instead of fully surrendering to Jesus, and what would repentance and returning look like in that situation?
2. The sermon says that true refreshment comes from abiding in God's presence rather than simply escaping stress or finding temporary rest. How can you intentionally spend more time abiding with Jesus this week?
3. Peter quickly shifted attention away from himself and onto Jesus after the miracle. In your daily life, how can you point others toward Jesus instead of drawing attention to yourself or relying on your own strength?

## **Prayer Prompts:**

Pray for anyone in your group that would need a time of refreshing.

Pray that we can come to a place where we keep our eyes off of ourselves and focus on others.

Pray that that if there is anything that we need to repent of or turn away from.

Pray that we start to feel the kindness of God that he promised, knowing that leads us to repentance.