

REPENTANCE BRINGS REFRESHING

Ownership, Surrender, and a Changed Direction

PARTICIPATION GUIDE | ACTS 3:17-21 (KJV)

BIG IDEA Repentance is God's gracious invitation to change our mind, turn toward Jesus, and receive renewal from His presence.

GROUP LENS Spiritual responsibility begins with personal surrender. Strength receives truth, stops defending, turns, and obeys.

Reconnect • Week 2: Give Jesus the Glory

- The miracle opened the door for the Gospel.
- Peter rejected credit for the healing and redirected the glory to Jesus.
- Jesus is the Holy One, the Just, and the Prince of Life whom God raised from the dead.
- Faith in Jesus made the man completely whole.

BRIDGE The miracle opened the door. The Gospel revealed Jesus. Repentance is our response—and refreshing comes from the presence of the Lord.

Before We Begin

Where do I most need God's wisdom this week?

You may participate by reading, speaking, writing, or listening. Share only what is appropriate; personal disclosure is never required.

MEN LIFE GROUP • READ AND RESPOND

Read the Word • Acts 3:17-21

Acts 3:17-18 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Acts 3:20-21 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Grace Confronts Without Condemning

Acts 3:17-18

Peter speaks relationally and truthfully. Ignorance explains the past, but revealed truth requires a response.

Why can correction feel like disrespect?

How can I receive truth without explaining, blaming, or counterattacking?

Repentance Changes Our Direction

Acts 3:19

Regret protects image or fears consequences. Repentance agrees with God and produces a different pattern.

Where is the line between explaining context and avoiding ownership?

What change would be visible at home, work, or ministry?

Refreshing And Restoration Come From God

Acts 3:19-21

Refreshing is renewed strength from restored alignment with God, not escape from responsibility.

What am I asking God to refresh that He may first be calling me to surrender?

What can I repair, and what must I trust Christ to restore?

MEN LIFE GROUP • APPLY THE WORD

OWNERSHIP BEFORE INFLUENCE

1. GOD IS CONFRONTING Name one area you have been defending.

2. MY CHANGED DIRECTION Write one action that can be seen within seven days.

3. MY BROTHER IN ACCOUNTABILITY Name one trustworthy brother who may ask you about it.

Kingdom Conversation

- What in this passage corrects a common misunderstanding of repentance?
- Where do people most often get stuck: recognition, agreement, turning, or obedience?
- How can this Life Group support repentance without producing shame or gossip?

My Kingdom Challenge

THIS WEEK Stop defending one area God is confronting. Take one visible step of obedience and invite one trustworthy brother to ask you about it.

My first visible step:

I will complete it by:

A trustworthy person who may support me:

Prayer

Father, help me stop defending what You are confronting. Turn my heart toward Christ, blot out my sins, renew me in Your presence, and produce visible fruit through my obedience. Amen.

NEXT WEEK Acts 3:22-26 • God's Covenant Continues