

These questions are for the September 28, 2025, message, "Complete Reversal," from the series entitled, "Seeking Him." Please read the sermon passage (2 Chronicles 30:1-9) out loud.

Passage Outline

Repentance is a change of mind which results in a change of direction, a change of life.

1. Repentance honors the LORD's kind authority (5-6).
 - a. "Return to the LORD" is a call to trust His kind authority over our lives.
 - b. Who is to repent? Unbelievers and believers.
 - c. Why is repentance such a big deal?
 - i. POSITIVE: in repentance we see that God is good, treasure His presence, have the power to see and reject sin, and develop a boldness in praying.
 - ii. NEGATIVE: in repentance we recognize that "living with" our sin distances us from God, exalts our puny desires, brings consequences, hurts the people we love and sometimes provokes people to sin.
2. Repentance makes no excuses (7).
 - a. Though Hezekiah had an immoral father and evil upbringing (2 Chron 28:1-3), he repented and called the whole nation to honor the LORD (2 Chron 29:1).
 - b. Even with a painful past, repentance is our invitation trust our faithful Father.
3. Repentance serves one LORD (8).
 - a. Yield yourselves to the LORD.
 - b. Come into His sanctuary.
 - c. Serve the LORD your God.
4. In repentance, the LORD blesses the whole family around you (9).

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: It's easy to forget that even long-time believers must continue to live a life of repentance. Review the "positive effects" (how repentance helps us treasure God) and "negative effects" (how repentance helps us reject sin). Discuss.
2. Based on #2, above: What are some of the excuses that you have used to put off repentance, or dilute it? (My past is too broken, my pain is too great, I didn't have a good example, now is not the time, I'll disappoint someone, etc.) What does Hezekiah's decisiveness, immediacy and boldness teach you?
3. Based on #3, above: Read v. 8. Hezekiah's appeal was to "submission," being present at the temple (church), and service in the temple (at church). Which of these commands (submission, presence/membership or serving) settle deepest in your heart?
4. Based on #4, above: Discuss this: if we want to change the world, to really make the biggest difference in the midst of these crazy times, we will repent before God.