

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Confessions, PtII: The Heart of Repentance

April 9, 2017

Psalm 51:16-17

- 1.) When you think of repentance in your own life, what comes to mind? Do the things you think of fit with the biblical description of repentance? Tell about a time you experienced godly sorrow over your sin.
- 2.) Explain in your own words the difference between penance and repentance? How could the former cause us to miss the priority of relationship with God and the value of the sacrifice of Jesus?
- 3.) How does understanding the nature of sin (“against you and you only have I sinned”) help us understand the heart of repentance?
- 4.) What “sacrifices” do you sometimes offer God because of your sin instead of coming empty-handed and clinging to Jesus’ sacrifice? What helps you lay some of those things down?
- 5.) What does it look like to prioritize your relationship with God? How can that be the root of repentance, and what would its fruit look like in your life?
- 6.) What do you think of when you think of the defining chapter of your relationship with God? What does it mean for the cross of Christ to be the defining chapter, both personally and corporately? How does that bring us from sorrow to joy, and how does it keep us from relying on our own sacrifices?



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