

“A Recipe for Repentance”

Ezra 9:6-15

Today's BIG IDEA:

A truly repentant heart doesn't just seek forgiveness. It seeks faithfulness.

1. _____ of God's
holiness (v.6)

(*Psalm 5:4-5*)

2. _____ of our
sinfulness (v.7)

(*Numbers 25:1-3; Judges 2:11-12; 1 Kings 11:1-8; Romans 5:12; Psalm 51:5*)

3. _____ for God's
grace (v.8-9)

(*Ephesians 2:1-5; Romans 5:8*)

- The Hebrew word for “favor” in v.8 is **תְּקִנָּה** (pron: tekinaw), which means “grace” or “unmerited favor”
- The Hebrew word for “secure hold” in v.8 is **יָתְהָדֵד** (pron: yawthade), which means “peg; pin”

- It's a picture of God's grace giving us a firm foundation in Christ

4. _____ **of our**

actions (v.10-12)

(*Deuteronomy 7:3-4; 1 John 1:8-9; Psalm 32:3,5*)

5. _____ **to God's**

ways (v.13-15)

(*Romans 6:1-2*)

- The word “repent” means to turn from one direction and go another way
- True repentance always requires an adjustment. It's a change of **attitude** that leads to a change in **action**.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Has anyone ever told you they were sorry after they wronged you but then went and did the same thing again? How does this affect your relationship with that individual? How does this help us think about how our sin affects our relationship with God?
2. Why is it so difficult to admit our specific sins to God (and others)? What does the Bible say about being specific in our confession? How does specific confession help bring freedom?
3. What is the hardest thing you have had to turn away from in order to pursue God? What hard adjustments have you had to make in order to truly be repentant and pursue God in faithfulness?