

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Speak ... Repentance

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The story of God and humanity is an imperfect story filled with imperfect people ... who at times do incredibly cruel things to one another, breaking relationships with each other and God. However, the story is also filled with opportunities to find a way back... a way of returning.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: JEREMIAH 8:18-22, GENESIS 44:18-34

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

To speak repentance is to acknowledge that the path one is on is not the right path. It took Judah a while to speak his own repentance, but in doing so, he restored not only himself but his entire family.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ***At times we can feel that the universe is working against us. And lots of times we aren't that helpful. By the things we say and do, by the things we don't say and don't do, we can amplify the discord. We can amplify the brokenness.*** Read Romans 7:14-23 and share about a time what Paul describes in Romans was true for you.
- ***But the good news, repeated over and over and over again in scripture, is that if the inevitable burn of entropy is real - then so is the soothing and healing power of God's redemptive work.*** Talk about some stories in scripture that illustrate the concept of redemption. Share a personal story from your own life that speaks to the power of redemption.
- ***Repentance is an intentional act to turn back - to do a 180 from the trajectory that you are on. To turn from wrong and return to right.*** Where does the balm of repentance need to be applied in your life? What is your plan for taking the three steps of repentance: feeling remorse, restitution (making amends), and resolve (having the will to stay on the better path)? What help do you need along the journey of repentance? How can our group help you?

CHALLENGE: This week, spend some intentional time in the story of Judah's repentance recorded in Genesis 44. As you are able, read the back story and conclusion as recorded in Genesis chapters 21-50. What do the varying perspectives of all of the characters involved in this story teach you about speaking repentance? How can you apply these lessons to your own life? What character(s) do you most identify with and why?