

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Freedom Flows from Repentance

Joel 2:12-13

'...true freedom flows from authentic repentance...'

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

How do we understand the term 'heart' in verse 13?

In light of what it meant to the Israelites of that time to 'rend garments', what should we learn from this action?

What is authentic repentance?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

How important is repentance in your life? When is the last time you repented?

How important in your relationships is it to repent quickly? What happens to the relationship if you don't repent quickly, or refuse to repent altogether?

What does the timeliness of your repentance tell you about your true heart condition?

What is an area of your life you are holding back from repentance?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

What are some signs of inauthentic repentance?

Is a low view of sin (a need for repentance) causing a low view of God in your life?

How does freedom come from repentance?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Will you repent today, and continue to repent frequently, in order to maintain a heart condition that allows for true freedom and communion with God?