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Repentance

Nehemiah 9:1-3

Like good apologies in any other aspect of our lives, _____ and _____ to God must be grounded in a clear understanding of what, exactly, we have done wrong. Turning around and heading in a new direction is only meaningful if I understand why I am doing it.

Discussion 1. Some might think that the longer we walk with Jesus the less we have to confess. But it is actually just the opposite. Why do think that is? Why might we have MORE to confess the longer we walk with Jesus?

Godly sorrow leads us to repentance, which comes from a broken spirit and a _____. This is the starting place for every act of confession and repentance.

Discussion 2. Do you think it is possible to make a proper confession or to properly repent without having a broken/contrite heart? Do you believe every broken/contrite heart always leads to confession/repentance? Why or why not?

For Christ followers to be in the world but not of the world means we are staying diligent in our spiritual growth and not allowing the world's _____ and _____ to take the place of God's ways in our lives.

Discussion 3. What are some of the ways and ideologies of our culture today that can be a distraction for you personally, i.e., are at least potential "idols" for you? How do you guard your heart from that?

For Christ followers, regular time spent in God's Word actually _____ and _____ our hearts. The more time we spend in His Word, the more that change happens.

Discussion 4. Can you think of any specific ways that your study of God's Word has actually changed the desires of your heart? If you were going to increase your regular time spent in God's Word, what would your next steps be?