

OUTLINE & QUESTIONS

PRACTICING REPENTANCE

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2 CORINTHIANS 7:8-11

Introduction

1. _____ Sorrow

- An absence of the _____
- A lack of _____
- A tendency to _____
- A habit of _____
- An _____ to our wrong doing
- A distorted view of _____

2. _____ Sorrow

- A personal _____
- An _____ outcome
- A painful _____

3. _____ Sorrow

- Prayer
- _____
- Serve
- _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

Icebreaker: Describe a time when you had to say "I'm sorry"-- but you didn't really mean it. How do you know when someone's apology to you is insincere?

1. Read Proverbs 28:13. What are the two sides to repentance, and what is meant by each? Why is the second side so important?

2. Read II Corinthians 7:7b-10. Recap the storyline that has led up to these verses.

3. List the 6 reasons (from the sermon) why we might feel no sorrow for our sin. Explain how each reason leads to no sorrow.

4. Which two of these reasons contribute most frequently to your own lack of sorrow for sin? Explain. How might you correct each of your two reasons?

5. Reread II Corinthians 7:10. List the 3 causes (or versions) of worldly sorrow (from the sermon) and explain what is meant by each.

6. Describe a time when your sorrow over sin fit into one of these 3 categories.

7. Read II Corinthians 7:11. How would you sum up the changes in the Corinthians' behavior that now indicate a godly sorrow over sin? How would you know in your own life if you were truly sorry for the sins you confess to God? (List as many indicators as possible.)

8. What 4 activities does the sermon recommend for bringing about change in our lives as a result of genuine repentance? Explain how each of these activities contributes to our future resistance to sin.

9. Which of the above 4 activities is most needed in your life? Explain.