

## Acts 2:36-38 | Repentance

### Study Questions from 15.01.2023 sermon

#### Read

- i. Pray for the Spirit's leading, then read Acts 2:36-38 and Mark 1:14-15.

#### Discuss

- ii. Can you remember what the Hebrew and Greek words for repentance mean? Hint: read Ezekiel 14:6 and Acts 20:21.
- iii. Often repentance is viewed in a negative way. Jamie argued it is a very positive thing. How did you view repentance before you heard the sermon? Did you change your viewpoint?
- iv. The parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15 is a good example of repentance. Look up the parable and discuss what it teaches us about repentance, and how to repent.
- v. In Acts 2:38 we see that repentance is closely followed by baptism. Why is this?
- vi. John tells the crowd to "produce fruit in keeping with repentance" (Luke 3:7). Why is this a particularly important aspect of repentance?
- vii. In Revelation chapters 2 and 3, Jesus frequently urges the churches to repent. Why is continual repentance so crucial for us?

#### Pray

- viii. In your prayer time, spend some time repenting and confessing sins (but not sins which are too personal and private). Use the prayer overleaf to help you.

## Prayer of repentance

Most holy and merciful Father:

I confess that I have sinned by my own fault  
in thought, word, and deed;  
by what I have done, and by what I have left undone.

I have not loved you with my whole heart, and mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbours  
as myself. I have not forgiven others, as I have been forgiven.

Have mercy on me, Lord.

I have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. I have not been true to the mind of Christ. I  
have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on me, Lord.

I confess to you, Lord, all my past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of my life.

I confess to you, Lord.

My self-indulgent appetites and ways, and my exploitation of other people,

I confess to you, Lord.

My anger at my own frustration, and my envy of those more fortunate than I,

I confess to you, Lord.

My excessive love of worldly goods and comforts, and my dishonesty in daily life and work,

I confess to you, Lord.

My negligence in prayer and worship, and my failure to commend the faith that is in me,

I confess to you, Lord.

Accept my repentance, Lord, for the wrongs I have done: for my blindness to human need and  
suffering, and my indifference to indulgence and cruelty,

Accept my repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward my neighbours, and for my prejudice and  
contempt towards those who differ from me,

Accept my repentance, Lord.

For my waste and pollution of your creation, and my lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept my repentance Lord. Amen.