



The Bible at 30,000 Feet Calling for Repentance

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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The Prophets and the Call to Return to God

GETTING STARTED

Have you ever ignored a warning light in your car—only to regret it later? The prophets were God’s warning lights for Israel, calling them back before it was too late. What does it mean to truly repent—and how does that call echo into our lives today?

What do you think the difference is between regret and repentance?

INTO THE WORD

God's covenant with Abram in **Genesis 12:1–3** set Israel apart for a purpose. But by **Judges 2:10**, a generation had risen that no longer knew the Lord. The prophets were sent to call the people back—challenging sin, urging return, and reminding them of God's promises.

2 Chronicles 7:14 gives a pattern: humble yourself, pray, seek God's face, and turn from sin. Repentance is not just sorrow—it's a decision to change direction.

- Why do you think repentance is so central to a relationship with God?

Dig Deeper in Scripture:

- Read Psalm 51:10–12. What does it reveal about the connection between repentance and joy?
- Compare Acts 2:38 with 2 Chronicles 7:14. What patterns or similarities do you see?

GOING DEEPER

Ezekiel 2:30–31 reveals that repentance involves a personal responsibility: “I will judge each of you according to your own ways... get a new heart and a new spirit.” The prophets didn’t just call for national reform—they called for inner transformation.

Psalms 51 is David’s personal cry for mercy and renewal. He doesn’t offer God a ritual but a “broken and contrite heart”. This becomes a model of heartfelt repentance.

In the New Testament, both John the Baptist and Jesus preach the same message: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (**Matthew 3:1–2; 4:17**). Peter’s sermon in **Acts 2** brings the same call—leading to baptism, forgiveness, and new life.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for not giving up on Your people—and for not giving up on me. Create in me a pure heart. Help me turn from anything that draws me away from You. Renew my spirit, and restore my joy in You. I want to live a life that honours You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.