

REPENT! THE KINGDOM IS AT HAND

Matthew 3:1-3 // December 15, 2019

REGRET VS REPENTANCE

The Word is clear that the first step in preparing room for the Lord is REPENTANCE. This is true for salvation and this is true for sanctification.

Repentance often gets confused with regret or simply confession. What's the difference between regret and repentance? Simply being sorry for something and being filled with regret doesn't always lead to repentance, which means we often need to repent of our repentance.

Transparency should lead to true authentic transformation.

Matthew 3:1-3 // 2 Corinthians 7:10

CITIZEN OF LIGHT

The Gospel fuels true repentance that causes us to turn from darkness and kneel before the King of the Kingdom of Light. The Gospel fuels us to live lives worthy of the King and daily repent of our sins.

Psalms 6:6 // Psalm 51:1-3 // Colossians 1:9-14

FLEE THE DARK, PURSUE THE LIGHT

If we have been transferred from a Kingdom of Darkness and brought into the Kingdom of Light, then why should we even consider running back to darkness?

To live lives worthy of the Kingdom of Light and continue to bear fruit with repentance we should daily practice fleeing sin and pursuing our King. The three main pathways that lead us to presence of the King is His Word, prayer and Gospel Community. Although these roads do not save us, they do lead us to the One that does save.

2 Timothy 2:22



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

John 1:6

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Elder Candidates

Tyler Willis and Casey Barnes

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read Matthew 3:1-3. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read Colossians 1:13-14. How does knowing and believing this particular truth help you to repent?

Repent and Ask for Provision

Read 2 Corinthians 7:10. In your own words, describe the difference between worldly regret and godly regret. What attitudes or actions do you need to not only confess, but truly repent of and see change in? What might you ask God for to help you turn from those tendencies and think, act, and walk differently?

Your Life Mission

As we have been discussing the past few weeks, the battle has been won for us, but the Kingdom still needs to be proclaimed through the earth. God uses us, the people of His Kingdom, to do so. What neighbors, friends, or relatives do you need to ask for prayer for as you seek to find opportunities to share the message of the Kingdom with them? What fears do you have that you need help with?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for those in your life that God has brought for you to be an ambassador of His Kingdom. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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