

5. Is there an area in your life where God is prompting you to practice repentance? If so, here are some questions to help you to prepare.

a. Admit specifically. What sins have you committed? What biblical principles have you violated?

b. Apologize. How might others feel as a result of your sin?

c. Accept the consequences. What consequences do you need to accept? How can you reverse the damage you have caused?

d. Alter your behavior. What changes do you intend to make, with God's help, in the way you think, speak, and behave in the future?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Enrique and Becky Fernandez

Pray for stamina, energy and wise decisions on moving back to the States from Guatemala due to Enrique's health.

Sermon Notes

"How Not to Repent"

1 Samuel 15

September 10, 2017

Introduction – a Picture of Repentance

Repentance is ...

Exit Ramp = A _____

Stop Sign = A _____

Overpass = A _____

Entrance Ramp = A _____

Five ways to Ruin Your Repentance:

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Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 9-10-17

Questions adapted from 1&2 Samuel: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2012, pp. 50-52; Ken Sande, The Peacemaker, Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2nd edition, 1997, p. 126.

Getting Started:

1. Describe an incident when you ended up on the wrong road or were headed in the wrong direction. How did you get turned around?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read 1 Samuel 15:1-9
 - a. What are the most important instructions that Samuel gives to Saul in 15:1-3?
 - b. How closely did Saul's actions (15:4-9) conform to the command he had received through Samuel in 15:1-3? (See also 15:15, 20-21.)
3. Read 1 Samuel 15:10-12.
 - a. What did God say to Samuel about Saul's performance? What is revealed about God and His character in these verses?

- b. A character flaw in Saul begins to repeatedly emerge in this chapter. What flaw is hinted at in verses 12, 17, 24, and 30? How does this flaw contribute to Saul's disobedience? In what ways does this flaw interfere with our own obedience?

4. Read 1 Samuel 15:13-25, 30. Where do you see Saul engaging in each of the following? Secondly, have you recently fallen into any of these same patterns? If so, in what way?
 - a. Denial
 - b. Blame Shifting
 - c. Rationalizing
 - d. Minimizing
 - e. Preferring to preserve our reputation over protecting God's honor