

APRIL 10, 2021
“THE FAITH-IN-ACTION
PREACHER”

Scripture Focus:
Ezra 10:1-12



CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT
Saturday at 6:00 pm

PREPARING FOR HIS RETURN



PASSIONATELY LEADING OTHERS TO CHRIST
SHIFTING INTO GEAR TO BE **USED BY GOD**



“If you keep yourself pure,
you will be a special utensil
for honorable use.
Your life will be clean,
and you will be ready
for the Master to use you
for every good work.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:21 NLT

2021

First Pentecostal Family Worship Center



Christ Our Living

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

1 PETER 1:3 ESV

hope



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Turn from evil
and
experience God's forgiveness.

KEY WORDS

COMPLACENCY

CONFESSION

REPENTANCE

REGRET

HOPE



Icebreaker Question #1

In what ways can you better support a fellow Christian in taking action to repent of sins?



Icebreaker Question #2

What are some common patterns of rationalization?

Bonus Question #1

How does Confession
help us?

Bonus Question #2

Why is Repentance essential
to a spiritual life?



Bonus Question #3

How does Complacency
affect our spiritual life?



LESSON NUGGET

PEOPLE SIN WHEN
THEY LOSE SIGHT OF
THEIR IDENTITY.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

All English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted

- ▶ 1 Chronicles 5:25
- ▶ Deuteronomy 7:1-4
- ▶ Psalm 103:8
- ▶ 1 John 1:9

WHAT IF?



- ▶ If Ezra had condemned the people without naming himself among the nation that had failed?
- ▶ If Shechaniah had tried to minimize the seriousness of the people's sin?
- ▶ If Ezra had chosen a less severe remedy for the sinful intermarriages?
- ▶ If the leading priests and Levites had failed to take the oath Ezra demanded?
- ▶ If Ezra had experienced only disappointment or disgust instead of agony at the unfaithfulness?



TAKE

AWAY

LESSON TAKEAWAYS

- ▶ Sin cannot be excused.
- ▶ God will restore those who repent.
- ▶ Sin results in suffering.
- ▶ Recognizing sin for what it is, is vital for restoring relationship with God.
- ▶ Sin among God's people must be addressed, even by those not personally guilty of the sin at issue.
- ▶ One person who mourns sin can lead a whole nation to repent.
- ▶ God does not take sin lightly.

NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

The Restoring Builder

Nehemiah 2:11-20

ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS:

1. Why is it important that God's powerful hand (guidance) be at work in your daily life?
2. How can we experience spiritual renewal in our life?

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for Attending
Christian
Development

