

The Blessing of Repentance

Matthew 21:28-32

Sermon Discussion Questions

February 11, 2024

1. Do you have any examples from your life experience, where you've seen the distinction between an emotionless/careless confession and genuine heartfelt repentance?
2. In your own words, how would you describe the distinction between confession and repentance? What are some passages of scripture (including from last week's sermon) that you'd use to distinguish the difference between the two concepts?
3. What is your typical response to someone who confesses to you? Do you find yourself responding with grace or anger?

Read Luke 15:21-32. Contrast the father's reaction to the prodigal son's confession and the older brother's reaction.

4. The second son was essentially just giving the father "lip service" when he told him he would go even though he never intended to. What does the bible say about giving God this type of attitude?
5. What are other examples of people giving God lip service in the bible?
6. What areas of life have you given God lip service?
7. Do you take comfort in the fact there is no third son who simply obeys? Is it encouraging or discouraging, why? How does the fact there is no third son to measure up to affect how we view our failure to obey God?
8. Pastor Jim used the illustration of the two checkout lines. One line grumbles, complains and argues about an adjusted sales price, while the other line admits they saw the tag wrong and willingly submits to the price to pay. How can you apply the lesson of this illustration to your daily life as a Christian?