

reGROUPS | MOURN AGAIN [pt 1]

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Text: Luke 18:9-14; Ecclesiastes 3:1-4; James 4:8-10

Topics: Mourning, Seasons, Repentance

Big Idea: We, as believers, are under a biblical instruction to mourn our wrongdoings.

Application Point: In this season, we must stop to remember our conversion and return to Christ with a repentant heart.

TALK-IT-OVER

INTRODUCTIONS: Share your name and a sentence or two about yourself. Ask everyone else to do the same.

OPENER: What is something you wish you could cut out of your life forever, instantly? (e.g. sugar, TV commercials, commutes, etc)

TRANSITION (optional): *in today's message, Pastor Alex talked about how Christians want to not only cut sin out of their lives forever, but also their memory of it. He also talked about how we don't like to think about "death."*

2nd OPENER (optional): Have you ever had a "close call" with death that brought you a new perspective?

Discussion Questions

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Have you ever participated in LENT?
 - starts 40 days before Easter (minus Sundays) with Ash Wednesday
 - a season of reflection to set the tone for our celebration of Jesus's resurrection
3. How would you feel having a *Pharisee* in our reGROUP?
How would you feel having a *Tax Collector* in our reGROUP with his problems?
Who do you relate to the most? [Reference: Luke 18:9-14]
4. How does the idea of coming face-to-face with your sin again sit with you?
How do you feel about creating a "Sin Journal" and repenting of your sins one-by-one?
5. Can we ever reach a point where we are beyond the need to repent?
6. How can we pray for you?

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Luke 18:9-14 NLT

⁹ Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: ¹⁰ “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I’m certainly not like that tax collector! ¹² I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’

¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 NASB

¹ There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven—

² A time to give birth and a time to die;

A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.

³ A time to kill and a time to heal;

A time to tear down and a time to build up.

⁴ A time to weep and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn and a time to dance.

James 4:8-10 NASB

⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.