



BIBLE LIFE OVERCOMERS MINISTRY

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REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD

Turning from Darkness, Turning to God

KEY SCRIPTURE
Acts 20:21

COME TO CHRIST - DISCIPLESHIP MANUAL

WHERE DISCIPLES ARE MADE

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This manual is designed for personal discipleship, mentoring, or a small group. Move prayerfully and do not rush merely to finish pages.

1. READ PRAYERFULLY Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand Scripture.	2. STUDY EVERY REFERENCE Open your Bible and read the verses around each passage.
3. ANSWER HONESTLY Allow truth to examine your heart.	4. PRAY AND APPLY Turn insight into immediate obedience.

LESSON OVERVIEW

God commands all people everywhere to repent. True repentance turns a person from sin, darkness, idols, and dead works to God. It includes godly sorrow, honest confession, forsaking sin, making wrongs right where possible, and bringing forth fruit. Repentance toward God goes with faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand God's command to repent
- See the difference between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow
- Learn to confess and forsake sin
- Understand making wrongs right and bringing forth fruit

PRAY BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Father, help me understand Your Word. Show me the truth about Jesus Christ, correct every wrong belief, and help me to believe and obey. Amen.

STUDY COMMITMENT

I will read every passage carefully, answer honestly, allow Scripture to correct me, and act on the truth God shows me.

CHAPTER 1

GOD COMMANDS ALL PEOPLE TO REPENT

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Mark 1:14-15; Luke 24:46-47; Acts 17:30-31

Jesus preached, “Repent ye, and believe the gospel.” After He rose from the dead, He commanded that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name among all nations. God now commands all people everywhere to repent because He has appointed a day of judgment.

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2. What would obedience to this truth look like this week?
3. How does this truth lead me to trust, love, or follow Jesus Christ more fully?

REFLECTION & PRAYER

Where does this truth confront my present life? Pray specifically, using the language and priorities of the passages.

CHAPTER 2**TURN FROM SIN TO GOD****SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES**

Acts 3:19; Acts 26:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; Hebrews 6:1

To repent is to turn. Scripture speaks of turning from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to God, from idols to serve the living and true God, and from dead works. Those who repent turn to God and do works that show their repentance.

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CHAPTER 3

GODLY SORROW LEADS TO REPENTANCE

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES
John 16:7-11; 2 Corinthians 7:9-11

The Holy Spirit reproves the world of sin. Godly sorrow produces repentance that leads to salvation and is not regretted. Worldly sorrow produces death. Feeling ashamed, afraid, or sorry about consequences is not enough if a person refuses to turn from sin to God.

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CHAPTER 4**CONFESS AND FORSAKE SIN****SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES**

Psalm 32:3-5; Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:8-9

The person who covers sin will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes it will receive mercy. True confession does not hide, excuse, or blame others. God is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse the person who confesses. Repentance therefore brings sin into the light and leaves it behind.

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CHAPTER 5

RESTORE AND BRING FORTH FRUIT

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES
Luke 3:8-14; Luke 19:1-10; Acts 26:20

John the Baptist said, “Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance.” People were told to share, stop stealing, stop using force, and be honest. Zacchaeus gave to the poor and restored what he had taken wrongly. Where possible, true repentance seeks to make wrongs right.

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CHAPTER 6**REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD AND FAITH IN CHRIST****SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES**

Acts 20:20-21; Acts 2:38; Acts 16:30-31; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Paul preached “repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” Repentance does not pay for sin or earn salvation. Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose again. We turn to God, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and depend on Him for forgiveness and life.

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THE DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

This visual is a summary, not a replacement for the Scripture studied in the preceding chapters.



CLARIFY THE DIFFERENCE

Godly sorrow	Worldly sorrow
Turns from sin to God	Feels sorry but continues in sin
Confesses and forsakes	Hides, excuses, or blames
Brings forth fruit	Produces words without change

BELT OF TRUTH

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PATHWAY RESPONSE

Which stage of this pathway needs my closest attention now? What specific truth must I believe or obey before moving forward?

SEARCH, EXAMINE, AND RESPOND

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Day 1 - Read the key passage and record what it teaches about God.

Day 2 - Re-read the chapter references and identify repeated words.

Day 3 - Trace the lesson theme through the Gospels.

Day 4 - Trace it through Acts and the Epistles.

Day 5 - Explain the gospel connection in your own words.

Day 6 - Discuss your conclusions with a mature believer.

Day 7 - Pray and obey the clearest application.

EXAMINE YOURSELF

1. What sin am I hiding, excusing, or refusing to forsake?
2. Is there a wrong I should make right where possible?
3. Have I turned to God and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ?

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MY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I receive the truth You have shown me. Grant me repentance, faith, courage, and power through the Holy Spirit to obey Jesus Christ. Amen.

MY RESPONSE AND NEXT STEPS

TRUTH MUST BE BELIEVED, OBEYED, AND LIVED

The goal of this lesson is not information alone. Write a concrete response that can be understood, prayed over, and reviewed with a mature disciple.

I BELIEVE The truth I am receiving:	
I RENOUNCE The false belief or sin I am leaving:	
I WILL OBEY The action I will take:	
I WILL SHARE The person I will encourage:	

NEXT STEPS CHECKLIST

- ☐ Review this lesson within seven days.
- ☐ Discuss your response with a mature believer.
- ☐ Memorize the key Scripture reference.
- ☐ Obey the specific action God has shown you.
- ☐ Continue to the next Come to Christ lesson.

LEADER'S DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ask the learner to explain the lesson without reading. Clarify the gospel, correct misconceptions gently from Scripture, allow honest questions, pray specifically, and agree on one measurable act of obedience.

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