

# TALK IT OVER

CHRISTIAN

The Prudent and the Simple – Week 2



Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out the questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- What kinds of images come to mind when people hear the word “repent”?

**In your Bible, read Matthew 4:12-17** In this passage, Isaiah's prophecy of the state of the region is fulfilled and Jesus urges inhabitants to repent.

- When was the last time you remember repenting? How did you feel before and after your repentance?
- Discuss how choosing to rebel instead of repent affected your life.
- How does making your repentance known to others help them and you?

**Read Matthew 3:7-8** Here, John the Baptist warns the Pharisees and Sadducees about true repentance.

- What does true repentance look like?
- How did experiencing true repentance affect your life and relationships?
- How could you make true repentance a part of your everyday life?

**Read Romans 2:1-4** These verses teach us that God's kindness leads us to repentance.

- As you reflect on your life, where do you see the love and kindness of God working for your good?
- How would sharing these observations with others help them?
- How does recognizing God at work in your life strengthen your faith?

## NEXT STEPS:

1. Directly address some of the struggles in your life by taking a personal 'tell the truth' quiz ***The real reason I: Lie about my family, Filed for divorce, Moved in with him/her, Won't call my kids, Maxed out my credit cards, Drink so much, Get so angry, Get crushed by criticism is?*** (If you are having trouble being honest, ask a friend, they probably know the truth.)
2. Identify a new experience you could pursue to be prudent and work toward lasting change. For example: joining a small group, giving to a certain cause, serving in a certain ministry, choosing a way to spending more time with God and studying His

## Talk It Over with God:

- Confess to God an area of your life where you need repentance.
- Ask God for support, direction, and courage as you work to change your path in that area of repentance.
- Thank God for the grace, forgiveness, and redemption he offers for our sins.
- Seek God's guidance in finding a Christian experience that would help you work towards lasting change.

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others in a Small Group. Connect at [www.newpointe.org](http://www.newpointe.org) – small groups