

Seek repentance, not accommodation (Ezra 10)

Introduction

What is it that has gone wrong?

God's people have come to the realisation something has gone significantly wrong with them – v.2

How they broke faith in particular

The first step

How do we know if we are truly repenting?

1. True repentance expresses sorrowful conviction

Sin is always ultimately Godward in orientation

Ezra sets the tone

Arises from a deep conviction brought about by the law/word of God

When we are specific in our admissions

When was the last time we felt really convicted over our sin?
Superficial vs genuine conviction

2. True repentance takes radical action

Not just sorrowful conviction

The difficulty of the remedy

The point is not so much we follow exactly what they did, but to ***follow the heart behind their actions***

Radical action needs to be paired with patient wisdom

3. True repentance clings to hope amidst the cost

A list...of shame

A teaching moment

“There is still hope”

Why God wants us to repent