

GUEST SPEAKER: JOHN BEVERE

Sermon Discussion Guide

Let's Recap:

This weekend, Pastor John Bevere reminded us that our lives can be forever changed by the touch of God. His focus this weekend was on the Church of Corinth and Paul's concern over their condition at the time of his letters to them. After lengthy study, John stated that he observed that they differed from the Early Church in several ways, but the primary difference, leading to all of the others may be the lack of sincere repentance.

Tune In:

Icebreaker: What is the first wrongdoing you remember committing as a child? Did you get caught? Were there some adult enforced consequences that were supposed to lead you to 'repentance'? Did it work?

To prepare for our discussion, please read Matthew 4:17, 11:20; Luke 13:3; Mark 6:12 & 2 Corinthians 7:1

Go Deep:

- Knowing someone deeply and intimately can be one of life's richest rewards. Who knows you best right now? Share with the group how you met them and how the relationship progressed to where it is today.
- The video clip during John's message demonstrated a divided heart in a romantic realm. How is your heart divided right now - what kinds of different things or people are pulling at or wanting a piece of your heart? How is that making you feel?
- John talked about praying to know God intimately. If that prayer were answered right now, what does your relationship with God look like in that state? What will have changed?
- Among many things, John Bevere talked about knowing God intimately, worldly sorrow, Godly sorrow, being repentant and the passion in the early church compared to our modern day church in his weekend message. Which of these things (or perhaps another point he made) resonated most with you? Could you create an action step for this week based on that one point?

Live Out:

Unfortunately, we all do things in the course of a week that offend or hurt others and God. As you walk through those moments this week, try to be very aware if you have a worldly or Godly sorrow. If it is worldly, pray that God would make you aware of His heart. If you have a Godly sorrow, ask him what your next step should be to be truly repentant.



