

CHAPTER 3 - REPENTANCE & FAITH

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

- What's your favorite movie? What about the story makes it compelling to you?

INTRODUCTION

The story of Jesus is not merely a story. It's the history of God's great rescue of humanity by sending his own Son to the world. It's the history of his life, his death, and his victorious resurrection and ascension. This story isn't like the fiction we're used to consuming in movies and books. This story demands a response from humanity. The only proper response is repentance and faith.

DISCUSSION

LEADER TIP: Ground your discussion time directly in the Scriptures as much as possible. Encourage group members to open their Bibles to different Scripture passages as they are brought up in conversation.

- What is something new you learned in the Scriptures this week? Was anything confusing or difficult to understand?
- Pick 2-3 "Study" questions from the chapter to discuss. Here are a few possible places to start:
 - Exercise 1, Question 4
 - Exercise 2, Question 4
 - Exercise 3, Question 2

APPLICATION

- Have you been baptized? If yes, tell us about it. If not, what has held you back?
- Pick 1-2 "Reflect" and "Respond" exercises to discuss. For example:
 - Exercise 3, Respond
 - Exercise 5, Reflect

PRAYER

This would be an appropriate week to spend extra time in prayer.

- Give your group time to pray individually, asking God for eyes to see areas of sin or brokenness in their lives where they might need to repent.
- Pair up, confess sin if needed, and pray together for forgiveness and for greater faith in what God has done to reconcile us to himself in Jesus. Ask God for boldness to talk in obedience to his commands.

If anyone in your group expressed interest in baptism, reach out to a Pastor or staff member at your congregation to find out the best next step for them! Capitalize on the momentum from this discussion to help them take a tangible next step of obedience.