

LIVE IT OUT

Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard.

1. Which part of today's message stood out to you and why?
2. From 1 John 1:9, explain the relationship between confession and repentance.
3. What step could you take to increase your experience of spiritual freedom this week?

THE STORY WE'RE LIVING

We **inspire** & **equip** people to follow Jesus **wholeheartedly**, because we believe that following Jesus makes **life better** and makes you better at life... and brings glory to God in the process. Join us!

THE PATTERN WE'RE FOLLOWING

As Jesus' followers, we aim to follow his teaching and example of a great commitment to the Great Commandment (Love God. Love others.) and the Great Commission (Make disciples.). We shorthand this pattern with **KNOW** God (be with Jesus), **GROW** together (become like Jesus), and **GO** meet needs (do what Jesus does).

THE PEOPLE WE'RE BECOMING

Jesus' followers are to be marked by **love**, take the **initiative**, and pursue **excellence**.

Love: we are others-centered. Following Jesus means putting aside our comfort and preferences to serve others. We aim to express selfless concern through practical actions with sensitivity, kindness, and humility.

Initiative: we are proactive. When we see a need, we don't make excuses or wait for an invitation, we leverage our resources for the benefit of others. We have a can-do, whatever-it-takes mentality.

Excellence: we exceed expectations. We believe that excellence honors God and inspires people. We are always aiming to do more than what is required, take it up a notch, go above and beyond, and exceed expectations. Excellence is not perfectionism but simply doing the best you can with what you have.

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YOUR GROWTH GUIDE FOR

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SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

“How can I experience freedom from guilt and sin?”

CHANGING COURSE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

PRAXIS PART FIVE • TODAY: REPENTANCE

LUKE 3:1-18, 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-34

THE BOTTOM LINE

THE _____ OF REPENTANCE IS
HOW WE GET _____.

You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it. – 2 Corinthians 13:5 MSG

REPENTANCE _____ THAT
SOMETHING IS WRONG.

So the Lord relented concerning the disaster he had said he would bring on his people. – Exodus 32:14 CSB

Think of a mirror (or a video camera). “Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like.” (James 1:23-24 MSG)

REPENTANCE _____ IN A CHANGE OF COURSE.

Then John went from place to place on both sides of the Jordan River, preaching that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. – Luke 3:3 NLT

The crowds asked, "What should we do?"

John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."

Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptized and asked, "Teacher, what should we do?"

He replied, "Collect no more taxes than the government requires."

"What should we do?" asked some soldiers.

John replied, "Don't extort money or make false accusations. And be content with your pay."

– Luke 3:10-14 NLT

It's all connected! In Praxis Part Three (<https://cornerstonenh.org/praxis3>) we saw the role of Scripture in 2 Timothy 3:16: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful...to make us realize what is wrong in our lives...and teaches us to do what is right." (NLT) Reading and responding to God's Word (as in the practice of Life Journaling—<http://cornerstonenh.org/lifejournaling>) walks us through the steps of repentance.

REPENTANCE IS A _____ PART OF THE SALVATION EXPERIENCE.

Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God's Good News. "The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!" – Mark 1:14b-15 NLT

For a full explanation of the timeline of history, see "God's Kingdom Come // Epilogue Part Two" from 4/23/2023: <https://cornerstonenh.org/epilogue2>.

If we say, "We have fellowship with him," and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth.
– 1 John 1:6 CSB

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

– 1 John 1:9 NIV

So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. – 1 Corinthians 11:27-28 NLT

It's all connected! Last week we saw how the Holy Spirit is the indispensable key to living the Christian life (<https://cornerstonenh.org/praxis4>), and we started the Praxis series talking about the ordinance of communion, which regularly focuses our attention on the basis of our salvation: the sacrifice of Jesus (<https://cornerstonenh.org/praxis1>).

Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it. – 2 Corinthians 13:5 MSG

NEXT STEP: SAY YES

LET _____ LEAD TO
_____ RESULTING IN
REPENTANCE.

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say yes • worship • connect • serve • give • include

Double-circling "say yes" on your Check-In card indicates you're acknowledging Jesus as Savior & Lord for the first time. Circle any Next Step to indicate a new step you're taking today.

TAKE A NEXT STEP

Cornerstone's Next Steps are ways to participate in the life of the church and take next steps in your spiritual journey. Indicate your new Next Step commitment when you check in using your Check In card, our Church Center app, or by texting "Here" to 603-225-2550.

- **Say "Yes!"** to Jesus as Savior (forgiver) & Lord (leader).
- **Worship** together weekly.
- **Connect** in a small group relationally.
- **Serve** on a team (at least) monthly.
- **Give** consistently.
- **Include** (invite) others regularly.