



COMMUNITY CURRICULUM GUIDE

A New Resilience - Week 3 Repentance February 19, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SYMBIS: SYMBIS applies to couples at any stage in the marriage timeline. This class will be held on **Sunday, February 26, 2023 from 1:00-5:00pm**. Lunch will be provided. There will not be childcare provided. [Register for SYMBIS here.](#) (Registration closes Sunday, February 19th.)

Base Camp: If you'd like to learn more about North Ridge and ask any questions that you may have, come to our next Base Camp on **Sunday, February 26, 2023** between services in the middle building. [Register for Base Camp here.](#)

Discover the Bible: If you've always wanted to read the whole Bible but felt overwhelmed or didn't know where to start, this is for you! We will begin this quarterly on-ramp on **March 1, 2023.** [Find out more and register here.](#)

Alpha: Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith. These sessions will take place **weekly on Thursdays from 6-8pm, beginning March 9, 2023.** [Find out more and register for Alpha here.](#)

Baptism: We're hosting baptisms on **Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023**, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! To learn more about what baptism means, visit northridgenow.org/baptism. **Please note:** there will be a required pre-baptism class on Sunday, March 26th between services (10:00-10:45am). [Register for baptism here.](#)

Everyday Carry Men's Retreat: We're hosting a men's retreat (ages 18+) on **Friday, April 14 & Saturday, April 15, 2023** at Camp Caraway. [Find out more and register for the Men's Retreat here.](#)

STUDY GUIDE:

PRAYER

Before beginning the study, pray aloud, using either your own words or the words provided.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. (Psalm 51:1-2)

Give us a new resilience, heavenly Father—for You and for those around us. Amen.

Without repentance, there is no resilience. Ask around the room - What comes to mind when you hear the word *repentance*?

Read the following aloud:

Pastor Dean said this weekend, "Repentance is to turn. Repentance is good. It is the first word of hope. It is the invitation of God to change your trajectory and come back to Him."

22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. (Acts 2:22–24)

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:36–37)

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Discuss at least one of the following questions.

1. What do you think it means in verse 37 when it says they were “cut to the heart”?
2. Is there a difference between knowing that you sin and feeling broken over your sin?
3. We all know the greatest commandment to love God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind. Do you ever fall short of those things on a given day?

Goal of Repentance

19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, (Acts 3:19–20)

What is the goal of repentance?

What are we trying to gain? What has God offered us when He calls us to repent?

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Do you see it?

The Goal is Jesus.

Yes, we have our sins blotted out, but there is more. Yes you feel better, but there is more.

Repentance is ultimately returning to a person.

Read and discuss the following quote:

“There is a word here for the modern-day church, that we too are liable to be taken up by our real estate deals, building houses, going to work, going to school, passing the exams, getting the kids to school and all their sports activities, going to the grocery store, text messaging, mowing the lawn, cooking dinner, going out to dinner, that it’s almost like we are living in Sodom. It’s the frenzied pace of one thing after another that makes us lose sight of the coming of the Son of Man.” – Ralph Davis

Ask a volunteer to close with prayer.

Additional Resources:

• **RightNow Media:** Find an unending supply of resources by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Contact discipleship@northridgenow.org for your free login.

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