

## **Nov 16/25 – Small Group Questions**

### **2 Chronicles 6-7 “Repentance that Shapes the Cityscape”**

This week we explored Solomon’s prayer at the dedication of the temple — a moment meant to anchor the nation in God’s faithfulness, presence, and the transforming power of repentance. Solomon prays that God’s people would continually turn toward this place and remember who God is and who they are. In Jesus, the true temple, we find the fulfillment of this hope and the call to become a people shaped by repentance for the healing of the world.

1. Consider Toronto’s tallest and most prominent buildings. What does this tell us about what we worship as a culture?

#### **Read 2 Chronicles 6:12-21,36-40; 7:1,12-14**

2. Solomon begins with remembering God’s faithfulness — “You made a promise, and today You have fulfilled it.” Why do you think Solomon starts here? What does remembering past faithfulness do for people facing seasons where God *seems* absent?
3. Solomon is overwhelmed by the truth that the God whom “heaven and earth cannot contain” chooses to dwell with His people. How does this challenge or reshape the way we think about God’s nearness — especially in moments of pain, betrayal, or fear?
4. Solomon prays: “When Your people sin... may they turn toward this place and repent.” Why is repentance so central to Solomon’s prayer? And why do you think repentance is often *not* the first thing we turn to when confronted with our sin or its consequences?

5. Tim Keller defined repentance as “continually tapping into the joy of our union with Christ in order to weaken our need to do anything that is contrary to God’s heart.” Discuss.

**Read John 2:13-22**

6. In the gospel Jesus aligns himself with the temple. In what ways does Jesus reveal God’s faithfulness, presence, and that the only way to deliverance is by way of repentance?
7. In Jesus, oriented to him as the true temple, the teaching of scripture is that we, the body of Christ, become the temple. As the presence the Spirit fills us we are to take our place on the city scape and bear witness to the reality that the only way to healing is by way of repentance. Reflect on the historical reality of this truth during the Wesleyan revival.
8. God confirms to Solomon in a dream the heartbeat of his prayer. If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land. What might it look like for us – personally and as a church – to take our place on the “cityscape” of our culture as a people of repentance? Where do you long to see God’s healing?