

GNCOMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

SERMON SERIES: "GUARDRAILS"

SERMON TITLE: "U-TURN"

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SERMON IN A SENTENCE:

"IT TAKES HUMILITY AND A DESIRE FOR THE TRUTH TO ADMIT WHEN YOU'VE BEEN WRONG."

WARM UP QUESTIONS:

- ☞ Is it hard for you to admit when you are wrong? How would your closest relative answer this about you? lol
- ☞ Why do you think it is so hard for people to admit that they are wrong?
- ☞ Although most people wouldn't say that they like "lies", do you think that most people are willing to follow the "truth" wherever it leads? Why or why not?
- ☞ What is the definition of the word, "Repent"?

DIVE INTO SCRIPTURE:

Acts 3:19-20 — "REPENT, then, and TURN TO GOD, so that your SINS MAY BE WIPED OUT, that TIMES OF REFRESHING may come from the Lord, and that He may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you— named JESUS."

- ☞ The Apostle Peter tells us that if we "repent" and "turn to God", we will experience what 2 things? *(answers: 1. Our sins will be wiped out; 2. God will give us a time of refreshing)*
- ☞ How do those 2 things sound to you?
- ☞ When you are stuck in sin, why can it often feel so difficult to "turn to God"?

Matthew 11:20 — “Then Jesus began to DENOUNCE the towns in which most of his MIRACLES had been performed, because THEY DID NOT REPENT.”

- 🗨️ What insight can we gather from this verse in regards to how Jesus views the importance of repentance?
- 🗨️ Why do so many people desire the power of God, but not want anything to do with the truth of God?

John 5:8;14-15 — “**8** Then Jesus said to him (*a man who had been disabled for 38 years*), “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” **9** At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked...**14** Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” **15** The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.”

- 🗨️ According to what we read in this passage, what does Jesus value more, physical healing or spiritual healing? Why so?
- 🗨️ Jesus says, “Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” How does this strike your heart personally?

TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU:

☀️ Are there any areas of your life that you need to repent of and do a 180 degree turn towards God? Who can walk with you and encourage you in that repentance?

🔒 Close in prayer.

MATCHING THEME IDEAS FOR THE KID'S LESSON:

- I'd encourage a worship time if possible (youtube works great {Lifetree Kids & Bible Project}).
- Ask them if they have any things in their life that they need Jesus' help with, and then pray for the requests of the group.
- And feel free to ask any of the kids if they'd like to say a prayer for the group.

▶ Read **Acts 3:19-20** — “**REPENT**, then, and **TURN TO GOD**, so that your **SINS MAY BE WIPED OUT**, that **TIMES OF REFRESHING** may come from the Lord, and that He may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—His name is **JESUS**.”

Ask the kiddos questions like:

- What does the word repent mean? (to turn away from our sins and turn towards Jesus)
- Who can forgive sins?
- What does it mean to be “refreshed”?

Lesson Connected Activity:

- Have the kids walk in a line and every time the leader/teacher says, “repent” (or “turn”), everyone is supposed to turn around and walk in the opposite direction.