
L. UNDERSTANDING THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE

L.11 I understand what repentance means.

Acts 20:21-22

A STORY The sign said, REPENT YOU SINNER! What does that mean was said by an international student who was going to school here in the US. We said that we would try to make sense of that by looking at a story in the Bible about the people who were experiencing the early church after Jesus went back to heaven.

DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE

Acts 20:21-22

²⁰ You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. ²¹ I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

DISCUSSION AND DISCOVERY

1. Who is the speaker of this first sentence?
2. How did he provide teaching?
3. Why does he mention Jews and Greeks?
4. What does he encourage them to do?
5. What are they turning away from?
6. How does repentance connect with turning away?
7. What are they turning away from and to what?
8. What does it mean to have faith in the Lord Jesus?

APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

9. What kind of experience have you had with repentance?
10. What do you think you need to do to turn to God?
11. What do you need to repent from?
12. How will you make this repentance a genuine experience?