**Repentance**

**Small Groups-3**

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| Read | **Matthew 4:17** |
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| Discuss | * How do you react when politicians/ businesses speak of their ‘*regret’* i.e. avoid saying ‘sorry’? Why?
* When have you changed your thinking on an issue or situation?
* When is it right for us now to apologise for the wrong/sins of past generations?
* How did the transatlantic slave trade prosper Britain? How/ why are the effects of Colonial Empire and the slave trade still being felt today?
* What is racism? How does it manifest directly? Indirectly? Within organisations? Within the structures of society? The way ‘things are’ today? Even within churches?
* Why do we often find it easier to ‘call out sin’ in others, than to ‘call out sin’ in ourselves?
* How is racism so much more than just a ‘white/black’ issue?
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| Go further | * v.17: How did Jesus give people a glimpse of heaven on earth?
* v.17: Why did Jesus call people to ‘repent’? From what?
* What is heaven? Why is racism an *opposite* of heaven?
* Practically, we will bring more of heaven to earth when we..?
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| Reflect | * Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?
* Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?
* What do *you* need to repent of (change your thinking/ attitude/ direction)?
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| Do | * Watch the Sam Sharpe 2020 lecture <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aKlRDMqSK0>
* Read Ben Lindsay’s book *We Need To Talk About Race*
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| Pray | *Dear God,* *You are holy and \_\_\_. Help me to be more \_\_\_. I repent of \_\_\_. I receive Your forgiveness and grace. Lead me in Your way of faith, hope, and love.**Amen.* |
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| ?My question: |  |

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