



Taking Responsibility: Ezekiel 18

Sermon Description

In Ezekiel 11, God commits to three things He's going to do to bring about change in His people: His presence, bringing them back to the promised land, and giving them a new heart.

Sermon Points:

1. Owning my accountability before God (18:1-4)
2. Owning my need for forgiveness from God (18:20-22)
3. Owning my practice of repentance toward God (18:23, 30-32)

Group Opener: Ours is a culture of avoiding personal responsibility for our choices. Describe a time when someone played the blame game toward you. How did that make you feel? What should that person have done instead?

Discussion Questions:

1. God holds individuals accountable for their own choices. In what ways does this truth encourage you? In what ways does it challenge you?
2. We grossly underestimate the extend of our need for God's mercy. Each person complete the formula: 3 sins a day x 365 days year x my age = ____? How many reminders do you have of your daily need for God's mercy? How does this make you feel toward God?
3. The entire life of the believer is to be one of repentance. Share about a time when you repented toward God? How can you make this a daily habit?

Memory Verse:

Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³² For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live! – Ezekiel 18:31-32

