## Repent

**Gather** (your tent getting to know each other)

Choose one of the following questions to start the discussion for this week's experience.

- What was your most prized possession as a kid? Do you still have it today?
- Are you a person who quickly or slowly admits when you are wrong?

**Grow** (your tent growing as Christ-followers)

- Watch and discuss the "Episode Three: Repent" teaching video.
- In the Day 15 Daily Reading, Mike wrote about three idols many of us face. Take a few minutes and answer the following questions.
  - Relationships Are there relationships in your life that are more important to you than God?
  - o Materialism Do you seek happiness and worth in the buying and accumulating of stuff?
  - Busyness Does your current pace of life produce good fruit or exhaustion?
- Read Joshua 24:21-23 a loud. What key words jumped out as you heard this passage?
- The first action step Joshua calls Israel to do is to "put away the foreign gods that are among
  you," If Israel is going to be serious about their choice to follow God, they must directly deal
  with the sin in their life. Spend a few minutes reading the following passages either individually
  or as a group. Write down a few notes and discuss your answers with each other.
  - o Joshua 23:11-13 What warnings does Joshua give to the leaders of Israel?
  - Isaiah 30:18-22; Isaiah 44:9-22 What does Isaiah say about idols and about the character of God?
  - Colossians 3:5-11 Paul challenges the church of Colossae to put off a number of sins.
     Which sins on his list do you struggle with?
  - What are you called to put away?
- The second action step Joshua calls Israel to do is "incline your heart to the LORD." If we put
  away our sins, we are then called to fill our hearts with the things of God. Spend a few minutes
  reading the following passages either individually or as a group. Write down a few notes and
  discuss your answers with each other.
  - o Joshua 22:5 What does Joshua encourage the Eastern Tribes to do?
  - o 1 Kings 8:54-61 What does King Solomon encourage all of Israel to do?
  - o Colossians 3:12-17 What does Paul encourage the church of Colossae to put on?
  - How are you called to incline your heart to the Lord?
- Take a few minutes and inventory the past week. What stole your time? Where did your
  resources and money go this week? What situations took your attention and focus away from
  Jesus? Do you notice any idols rearing their ugly heads?
- Repentance is a heart issue and requires some honesty. How did you answer the two questions posed in the Day 17 Daily Reading?
  - o Is my heart broken?
  - o Does my heart want to change?

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## **Give** (your tent serving each other)

- We are being challenged this week to repent. One of the hardest things to do is confess our sins
  to another person, and yet the discipline of confession is healing and transforming. Confession
  inclines our hearts to the Lord. No matter how much shame or guilt we feel, as Christ-followers
  we have forgiveness. As you prepare to pray, break in to your accountability groups and do the
  following:
  - o Choose a person to read Psalm 32:1-7 out loud
  - o Take turns confessing and identifying one or two specific action steps
  - After each person has shared, read Colossians 1:9-14 as a blessing and a reminder of our forgiveness through Jesus.
  - Complete the "Repent" section of the Your Covenant Story resources located in the back of the book.
  - o Choose to daily pray for each other until you gather together again.

## **Go** (your tent on mission)

- Connect, call, or send a text of encouragement to your group members.
- Consider gathering your family and going through this week's family experience.
- Choose to fast from something this week in preparation for the next week.
- Continue reading the 40-day experience.