

Sermon Discussion Questions: Regeneration

October 7th, 2018

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
2. Read Ephesians 2:4-9. How does Paul demonstrate that faith is a gift given by God? See also Acts 16:13-15 to illustrate this.
3. Read 2 Timothy 2:23-26. How does Paul demonstrate that repentance is a gift given by God and what effect does repentance have on a person?
4. When Pharisees started coming to John the Baptist to be baptized, John called them to bear fruit in keeping with repentance. This reveals that there is an ongoing practice of repentance and fruit of life change that results. How does Zacchaeus reveal evidence of genuine repentance (Luke 19:8-9)? How have you experienced the evidence of repentance in your own conversion story?
5. The story of Zacchaeus reveals our Saviors quickness to love and willingness to associate with those labeled in a society as sinners (Luke 19:5). The story also reveals how certain religious people can grumble at God's willingness to associate with sinners (Luke 19:7). How does Jesus' willingness to be a guest at the house of Zacchaeus assure us that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10)? What type of person might you "grumble" about if you found God saved even that person?