



Week Two: How to Admit You Were Wrong – Study Guide

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All of us make wrong choices and bad decisions. That's a given. It's not if we sin, but more about how we take care of sin in our lives. Thankfully, Jesus has made a way for us to turn from sin and enjoy walking with Him. In this study, we are going to discuss owning up to our sin, and how to enjoy walking in the grace and freedom that Christ, our Father, offers to each one of us.

Where Am I Today?

- 1) How difficult is it for you to admit that you are wrong? Can you think of a time when you made a mistake? Can you remember how difficult it was to make amends, and why? Share your story.

Into the Bible

- 2) Admitting to sin isn't about God shaming us, but allowing Him to change us. Read **Luke 15:17-21** and **John 3:17-18**. How do these verses help shape our view of God? How does knowing who God is affect our relationship with Him?



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- 3) Read **1 John 1:5-9**. How do these verses relate to the character in the story of the prodigal son? How do the choices we make have an impact on our relationship with God and others?

How Does This Apply?

- 4) When you think about your life, is there something you keep holding on to that you've been unwilling to turn away from? If so, what is it? What would it take for you to turn from it and make things right with God and others?

- 5) Think to a circumstance in your life where you have experienced God's grace and forgiveness. What was the turning point that caused you to change your way of life? What kinds of consequences did you experience because of your sin? Share your story. It might help someone in your group.

Take Action

As summer ends, and Go Bananas begins to wrap up, let's finish strong! There are still two weeks of packing lunches, serving at Neighborhood Lunch sites and cookouts left. The number of people joining us for lunch has grown over the summer, so if you are already a part of Go Bananas, know that you are making a huge difference! Thank you! If you haven't yet joined a Go Bananas team, it's still not too late! We're hosting lunches and cookouts throughout August. Find out more about where and how you can serve at www.covechurch.org/gobananas.



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As school starts back, we're also working to equip our new friends with the supplies they need for class. To be a part, pick up an empty backpack and a school supply list during any Cove weekly service, fill the backpack with the supplies listed, and return it by August 17. These bags with supplies will be given to kids during our last Go Bananas Neighborhood Cookouts.

Continue Learning on Your Own

6) Repentance is a churchy word that can be a little confusing as to what it looks like in your life. In order to help us better understand the word, let's take a look at something that repentance is not. Read **2 Corinthians 7:10-11** to help you better understand what repentance looks like. Check out the examples given below. Which one of these have you found yourself doing? Why does repentance look different from what's below?

- Simply confessing your sin.
- Being sorry you got caught, but not sorry for the sin.
- Minimizing your sin as not that bad.
- Making excuses for why you sin.
- Pointing out the greatness of others' sins but ignoring your own.