



# WHAT'S NEXT?

## **ACTS: The Power of Truth**

### **Midweek**

September 16th

*Acts 20:21 (ESV)*

*testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### **4 Steps on the Ladder of Repentance**

- Initial guilt over one's sinful actions
- Confession of sin
- A seizure of God's mercy offered through Christ
- Hatred of sin

### **3 Steps on the Ladder of Faith**

- Acknowledgement that the Savior of the world has come
- Passionate joy over His cross
- Unshaken conviction in His saving grace

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Prior to becoming a believer, what was your context for the word "repentance"? Has your relationship with the Lord changed your perspective on what Biblical repentance actually means?
2. Read Acts 20:21. What do you think Paul means when he says, "repentance toward God?" Is it possible to repent from sin without turning toward God?
3. Pastor Carl described four steps on the metaphorical ladder of repentance. In hindsight, have you ever gotten stuck on one of these steps and subsequently struggled to turn away from sin? Is there a step on this list that is particularly challenging for you?
4. Does the Bible say who we should confess our sins to? Do you have authentic relationships with other believers in which you can safely confess your sins instead of struggling in silence? Do you have time to listen, pray for, and encourage those closest to you when they need to do the same?
5. Pastor Carl also outlined three steps on the metaphorical ladder of faith. How have the events of 2020 impacted your journey of faith? Do you find yourself working through these steps in a particular order or circling back during this season?

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