

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*REPENT*  
Matthew 4:17  
The Commands of Christ — Week 1

**ICEBREAKER:** What do you do if you can't sleep at night? Do you count sheep, toss and turn, or try to do something productive?

**OVERVIEW:** Right before Christ ascended to heaven, He gave His followers their marching orders in a passage that has come to be called the Great Commission. In it Jesus commanded us to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to obey all His commands. In this series we are studying some of Christ's commands, beginning with His command to repent.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. The word "repent" is often used in Scripture. Why is it so rarely used in daily conversation, or even in much preaching today?
3. Who should repent?
4. When did you first repent?
5. What do the following verses teach about repentance?
  - a. Luke 13:3
  - b. Acts 2:38
  - c. Acts 3:19-20
  - d. 2 Peter 3:9

6. Read Matthew 4:17 and refer to Sunday's sermon for the following questions.
7. What does repentance NOT mean?
8. What does repentance mean?
9. How does repentance involve the emotions, intellect, and will?
10. What is the motive for repentance?
11. Do you need to repent? Explain.

**The Last Word:** "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent,' he intended that the whole life of believers should be one of repentance." Martin Luther

