



Sermon Discussion Guide¹

Ezra 10 | Kevin DeYoung

“Fruit in Keeping with Repentance”
Sunday Morning, November 2nd, 2025

1. If someone were to use Ezra 10 to say that the Bible contradicts itself on the subject of divorce, how would you respond?
2. What does the Book of Ezra teach us about true repentance? (ref. Ezra 9:2-4)
3. Have you witnessed true (costly) repentance in any friends or family?
4. It doesn't take a Christian to grieve about their sin. What is the difference between “repentance as *catharsis* and repentance as *character*?”
5. How can we be sure that our own repentance is true?
6. For those with kids, when have you spotted half-hearted repentance? True repentance? What has that taught you about your own heart?
7. “Some of you do confession really well. You cry out to God. You hate your sins. You feel miserable about them. You plead with him for mercy. All good, all necessary. But then you stop there. You don't do anything to actually turn and start walking in the other direction.” Do you have any friends that know and love you enough to call you out on half-hearted repentance? Are you that kind of friend to anybody?

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Outline: Three things about their repentance

1. Their repentance was borne out of serious conviction
2. Their repentance was marked by a deep commitment.
3. Their repentance bore a personal cost.

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