

Revival and Repentance  
Ezra 10:1-12

I. Review

- A. Revivals begin when people encounter the Word of God and are convicted of their sin
- B. We should mourn our sins because they break God's heart
- C. We should not just understand that we have sinned, but also confess our sins to God
- D. Repentance involves more than conviction of sin, sorrow for sin, and confession of sin – it includes a change of life.

II. Go Further – Read Psalm 32

- A. In verses 3 and 4, how does David describe the experience of trying to hide his sin from God?
- B. In verse 5, what does David say is the result of his confession?
- C. How does David describe the state of living in forgiveness in verses 1 and 2?
- D. Given his own experiences in verses 1-5, what does David urge other people to do in verse 6?
- E. In what different ways does David describe God's protection in verses 6 and 7?
- F. In verses 8 and 9, God Himself speaks. What does He promise to do for us in verse 8? How does this promise connect to our repentance?
- G. Why does God compare the disobedient to horses or mules?
- H. What contrast does David draw in verse 10?
- I. In verse 11, how does David say living in accordance with God's will should make us feel?
- J. In verse 1, the Hebrew word translated "Blessed" also means "happy." What parts of David's experience in this Psalm made him happy?

III. Apply

- A. Can you think of a time in your life when confession led to the kind of relief and rejoicing David describes?
- B. How does meditating on God's forgiving love and His promises of protection make it easier for us to confess our sins to Him?
- C. Based on your understanding of Scripture, what changes might you need to make in your life?