

**Series:** Topical **Passage:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

**Title:** The Heart of Repentance **Speaker:** Pastor JC Cooper – 1/13/2019

**Discussion Starter** – What are some of the important takeaways you learned about the importance of having a heart of repentance?

## God's Transformation of Peter (1 Peter 1:3-9)

- Summarize in your own words the message that Peter is trying to convey to us as Christians in this passage above?
- What were some of the things Peter did early on that had an appearance on the surface that he was a true and loyal follower Jesus? How was Peter's actions equated to being a surface level Christian today? What are some examples of being a surface level Christian today?
- What were some of the things Jesus did to get Peter to realize that his heart was not yet right? Read Matthew 16:22-26. How would you describe Peter's actions? How does Jesus respond to Peter and what instruction does Jesus give to the disciples about denying themselves?
- Read Matthew 26:31-35. Jesus warns the disciples that everyone will abandon Him. What was wrong with the way Peter responded? What is the danger of doing so called "good things" that are glorifying to ourselves?
- Read Matthew 26:69-75. Jesus told Peter that before the rooster crows you will deny Me three times. How did Jesus use this in Peter's life to bring him to repentance?
- Describe in your own words what you see to be the meaning and purpose of repentance.
- Read John 21:15-19. Describe what Jesus is doing here with Peter. What is the significance of what Jesus asks and tells Peter? What is the significance in how Peter responds?
- How is the death of self the beginning of a new life for a Christian? Describe what dying to self looks like in your life?