

The Journey Home

When we recognize we need to be forgiven, we have taken the first step on the journey of reconciliation. Atonement (how we reconnect to God) isn't just the work of God. At some point we need to turn, (repent) continue in the new direction (continuance) to the place where we feel sure (assurance) and finally get it right (perfection).

1st Step

Luke 15: 11-20a Hebrews 10:12-18 John 15:7-11 Colossians 1:9-14

I

Forgiveness is an important part of relationships.

G

How has God shown forgiveness to you? What are the dangers involved in not resolving an area of unforgiveness in a relationship?

R

We

A

According to Merriam-Webster, one definition of *repent* is to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life.

C

In what ways have you exercised "damage control" rather than true repentance? How can we help each other to "get it right?" How can grace compel repentance?

E

They

Consider Colossians 1:9-14. In our relationship with God we have responsibilities, as well as the ability to respond to God's calling.

Are you making decisions based on obedience to God or reacting to the people around you? How can others see your faith through your actions?

Sermon Notes