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Seeing & Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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## Small Group Questions — The Week of August 15, 2021

**Sermon Overview:** The first of Martin Luther's Ninety-five Theses says, "When our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, said 'Repent', He called for the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." The Westminster Shorter Catechism tells us that repentance is a "saving grace." And in the Gospel of Mark, the very first words of Jesus were "repent and believe in the gospel." When we think of repentance, we often think of judgment and condemnation. But repentance is actually a saving grace that leads to our greatest joy. Join us this Sunday as we consider the betrayals of Judas and Peter and find out why the only difference between these two men is the grace of repentance.

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 14:43-72

1. What are the two parts of repentance? Why is true repentance a grace?
2. What is the difference between regret and repentance?
3. What is similar about the betrayals of Judas and Peter? What is different?
4. What does Judas' reaction to his betrayal of Jesus reveal about the destructive power of shame and worldly grief?
5. How was Peter's response to his betrayal of Jesus different than the response of Judas? What does this reveal about the grace of repentance?
6. What does true repentance have to do with our relationship to Jesus?
7. How does true repentance lead to our joy?