



CONNECTION QUESTION

A guilty conscience can lead people to do strange things for relief. What have you seen a guilty conscience lead people to do? Share a time you dealt with lingering guilt.

SERMON REVIEW

This week, we leaned how unreconciled relationships can linger for years. They don't stay compartmentalized but they influence every relationship we have. When hard times come, our unresolved guilt bubbles to the surface as we realize God is trying to get our attention and lead us to repentance and reconciliation.

God, or others, will sometimes test us to see if we have changed our patterns of behavior.

Are there broken relationships you never tried to make right? Is there lingering guilt from the sin or a broken relationship you never tried to make right with God and others? Did this chapter challenge you to take a specific action to make things right before God pushes you to rectify our sins?

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

We've all heard the quote that "insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Part of "leaving our Egypt (our past) behind" is committing to new behaviors aimed at new results and growth. Read through Proverbs 2:1-15 and write down anything that could help break the cycle of repeating old behaviors, or help you let go of the past. Then answer the following questions.

- What does this passage say about what it means to fear the Lord?



- What description of God's protection is given for those who follow him?

Unlike Joseph, Jesus sought us out, despite our betrayal of the Father, and bore the cost himself for our lack of love toward God and others. How does this work of Jesus free us to extend forgiveness and express repentance?

One of the remarkable things about God is the way he sees his children despite the sin of their past. What do the following Scriptures teach us about God's view of sin and forgiveness, and how does that differ from or affirm your own view?

- *Psalm 103*
- *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*
- *Colossians 2:13-14*

After reading these verses, how would you describe God's forgiveness to a friend or co-worker?

TAKE IT HOME

What is the most important thing to remember? What is the most important action to take?