

## **“Ready...Set...Grow.”**

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### **Slide 1 - God's Waze title slide**

*“The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9*

### **Slide 2 – Volume opposites**

I. God's pursuit produces conviction.

- Conviction = a realization of guilt and conformation of what is believed

*“It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away the Counselor will not come...When He comes He will convict the world...” John. 16:7-8*

- Condemnation = judged and sentenced for wrong doing

*“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” John 3:17-18*

### **Slide 3 – U turn arrows**

II. Conviction produces repentance

- Repentance = A change of mind, that leads to a change of heart, that leads to a change in actions. Both turning from sin and turning to God.

### **Slide 4 - confession**

- Confession – admit that you need to change

*“If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9*

### **Slide 5 – kneeling sorrow**

- Godly sorrow – internal alarm and even fear of being at odds with God

*“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret...” 2 Cor. 7:10*

### **Slide 6 – Change ahead**

- Determination to change – submitting to God’s Lordship in everything

*"See what this Godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done."* 2 Cor. 7:11

- Repeat as needed

### **Slide 7 – Pathway to Joy**

III. Repentance produces joyful thanksgiving.

*"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."* Acts 3:19

*"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me."* Ps. 51:10-12

### **Slide 8 – Hand reaching with NO**

Discussion Starters for your Groups InCommon

1. Discuss your personal experience with worldly sorrow vs Godly sorrow.
2. Share with your group how you experience conviction.
3. How does the Holy Spirit help you to stop sinning and live for God?
4. How important is the family of God when it comes to resisting sin and following Jesus?
5. Do you often come into Sunday worship with the sense of relief of having been forgiven? How does that change your worship experience?