

ASH WEDNESDAY: REPENTANCE & FORGIVENESS

INTRODUCTION

- Lent is a period of _____ weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.
- Ashes on the forehead of Christians signify an _____ repentance

LORD IN YOUR MERCY

- Re_____ is when you feel sad or bad or disappointed about something
- Rem_____ is a gnawing distress arising from a sense of gu_____ for past wrongs.
- Unaddressed remorse leads to d_____. It could be mental, emotional, sp_____ or even physical death.

CLEANSE ME

- We are marred through and through by _____ from the beginning.
- What most people ignore is that _____ sin is against _____.
- We want to jus_____ our actions rather than admit that we have done e__il and can only be washed clean by the LORD God.
- The LORD's mercy to forgive is greater than our sins against Him. Look up Isaiah 1:18 or Psalm 103:11-14.

RESTORE ME

- Christianity is ____ a faith of self-improvement. Nor is the B_____ about self-improvement. It is about going from the old nature to a truly _____ nature. From death to life.
- What does the heart refer to? _____

USE ME

- How can giving things up for Lent be like a sacrifice or burnt offering? (Psalm 51:16-17; Psalm 40:6) _____
 - What happens when you have a new heart given by God? _____
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HEAR THE WORD, APPLY THE WORD; GROW IN JESUS

1. Lord, in your mercy
2. Cleanse me
3. Restore me
4. Use me

