

#### BETHEL GILEAD Fall Small Group Locations COMMUNITY

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# Monday 7 PM

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# Wednesday 6 PM

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BRONSON A: Host: Mary Jo Evans Contact: Mary Jo Evans (517) 369-4506

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II. Read 1 Samuel 7:2-6. Samuel challenges Israel to prove their sincerity. What did he require of them to show their true repentance? (List acts of repentance including verse 6). In verse 3, Samuel qualifies returning to the Lord as something requiring "all your heart". How does that compare to a "half hearted" effort? Any personal examples? Would this explain why some Christians never fully overcome their old sinful habits?

III. Now go to 2 Chronicles 7. Read verses 11-16. Solomon dedicates the temple when God gives him a formula of sorts for national revival. According to verse 13, what kinds of things might prompt believers to return to the Lord? Can you suggest what this could look like for America in our generation? What does God require us to do? What does God say he will do? Is this relevant to us today? Explain your answer.

IV. Finally, read <u>Acts 3:17-20</u>. Peter is preaching to the Jews in Jerusalem. What does he instruct them to do in order to remedy their situation? What might "times of refreshing" be referring to? Is this something a spiritually dry and defected Christian could do? Explain.

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