

## “How Can I Receive Restoration?”

*Ezra 9:1-15*

### Sermon Summary. . .

When you forsake Yahweh, **repentance** is essential for restoration.

### Tests of Repentance that Brings Restoration. . .

- Real repentance relies on God’s word to **define** sin.
- Real repentance involves **regret** over sin.
  - You will be moved to **mourn**.
  - You will be committed to **change**.
- Real repentance involves **confession** of sin.
  - Confession should reflect the **unity** of God’s people.
  - Confession should respect the **justice** of God.
- Real repentance relies on God’s grace to **defeat** sin.
  - Only His grace could **save** us from our sin.
  - Only His grace can **keep** us in fellowship with Him.