

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Psalm 51

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite 4th of July tradition?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Context:** What are the circumstances that surround the writing of this Psalm? See 2 Samuel 11 & 12:1-15 for this Psalms context.
2. **Read:** Psalm 51. What are your observations? Are there any repeated words or themes? Do you see a structure to the Psalm?
3. What do we learn about God's character from this Psalm?
4. What do we learn about the nature of our sin from this Psalm? How do we understand David's declaration that "against you, you only, have I sinned" in verse 4?
5. What does David ask the Lord to do in view of his sin? What type of change is needed in view of his sin? How should this shape our prayers of confessions?
6. What keeps us from being fully transparent with God and others with our sin? What does God promise to do for us through our confession?
7. How do the promises of the gospel give us confidence to bring our sins before the Lord?
8. Are there sins that you've not confessed to the Lord? Take time, in the quiet of your heart, to confess your sins to the Lord knowing that God has already forgiven you in Christ. Ask the Lord if there is someone you need to confess sin to today.