

## **Message Series: Psalm 51**

### **Message Title: Confession**

#### **Key Scripture:**

Psalm 51:1–9

Other scriptures: Proverbs 28:1, 2 Samuel 11,12, 1 Timothy 2:5

#### **Theme**

Psalm 51 is a psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba. This is a song composed about David's biggest failure. David in Psalm 51 is not so much concerned about what other people think but what God thought. So what do we need to confess before God?

#### **Message Summary**

This message is about about guilt, but it cannot be after we have been caught out, or when the report gets published, the pics go live when we come clean! We are being modelled to say sorry, to confess, only if we get caught. Three Hebrew words are used in these song lyrics to define the depth of this and demonstrate that if we bring it out before God he covers it with his mercy.

#### **Whole Group Questions**

- Think & Talk: Think: What do I need to confess to the Lord?

- Do:

START WITH GOD

ACKNOWLEDGE WE ARE SINFUL OURSELVES

RECOGNITION OF EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE DONE

IT IS REALLY ALL AGAINST GOD

NO EXCUSES. NO SELF JUSTIFICATION.

RESULTS – Whiter than snow.

- Pray: Lord, thank you for the cross. forgive me for I have sinned against you. Amen.

#### **How does applying this message affect our:**

##### **Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people**

*Share openly about the times you may have been on a gradual slide away from God.*

##### **Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially**

*There is a basic TRUTH that God has made this world good, and all that is good; but we have gone bad. The I in Sin is U. This is fundamental to every human life b/c it's not temporary and it's not intermittent. Therefore, it needs dealing with. Only through being made right by Jesus. What would God want us to run to him with?*

##### **Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities**

*How do we serve from the eternal into the everyday? How do we serve from conviction not out of condemnation?*

**Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers**

*If Sin = miss the mark. Iniquity = a twisted nature. Transgression = means rebellious.  
How can we explain to others why God had to come as Jesus?*

**Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis**

*Use Psalm 51 1-9 to worship and praise God*