

## **Message Series: Psalm 51**

### **Message Title: Consecration**

#### **Key Scripture:**

Psalm 51:10–19

Other scriptures: 1 Samuel 16:14, Hebrews 12:10–13, Galatians 2:20

#### **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 leads us from the confession and cleansing in first half of the Psalm to the consecration of the second half. Our relationship with God can fall into disrepair. The power of the Psalm shows God can create in us a pure heart, with a right and steadfast spirit, a willing spirit and a contrite spirit.

#### **Whole Group Questions**

- Think & Talk: Think: What do I need to confess to the Lord?
- Do: Check your relationship with God
- 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**

*Something in the Old Testament was holy simply because it belonged to God and by consecrating themselves the people were marking themselves off as Gods. How do we encourage healthy holiness in our group?*

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

*David relates his own spirit (which modern thinking denies) to the Spirit of God. To consecrate to God, it is resolving not to sin anymore, not only until the next time, it is discovering that God has done something about it and He restores you.*

*Where is that lived out in your experience?*

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

*How do we serve? Do we have a positive delight in pleasing God & in Gods ways, nature, presence & will?*

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

*You cannot redeem humanity without a way to change all people – otherwise doomed to defeat. The Cross is the dividing line, you can only come to God through Jesus. How do we reach out to others in this way?*

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

*Use Psalm 51 10–19 to worship and praise God.*

*Pray:*

*10a Pray for a pure heart*

*10b A persevering and steadfast spirit*

*11a For god's presence*

*11b To receive the power of the Holy Spirit*

*12a For the joy of salvation to be restored*

*12b a willingness to trust*

*13a So you can teach others (know that god sent Jesus)*

*13b Turn people back to God*

*14–15 Have a worshipping heart and mouth*

*17 Remain humble*

*18 Lead to the transformation of society*