

Summer of Psalms

Have Mercy – Psalm 51
August 12, 2018

Context: 2 Samuel 11-12

A model for confession:

I. David appeals to God's mercy

- Exodus 34:6-7

II. David takes responsibility for his sin

- vs. 1 and 9...“my transgression, my iniquity, and my sin”

III. David understands the seriousness of his sin

- vs. 3...he can't escape it; it is always before him
- vs. 4...it is against God
- vs. 4...he vindicates whatever judgement the Lord would have
- vs. 5...it is not isolated to an act—it is his nature

IV. David pleads for renewal

- vs. 8, 12...he desires restored joy
- vs. 10...he wants a new heart (Jeremiah 17:9)
- vs. 11...he asks for the Lord's presence
- vs. 14-15...he prays that his deliverance will result in praise

V. How can a righteous King put away David's sin?

- 2 Samuel 12:13
- Romans 3:23-26

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Psalm 51

1. Why is genuine confession so hard?
2. How does unconfessed sin impact our lives?
3. We all know that we are all sinners, so why are we so negligent in confessing sin to one another?
4. What messages does our culture say about sin and how to deal with it?
5. Read Psalm 51 again. List all of the requests that David makes. What else stands out to you from this Psalm?
6. How can a righteous God forgive unrighteous sinners?