

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

*PSALMS: The Prayers & Praises of God's People - Psalm 51:1-19 - A Truly Penitent Prayer - 06.23.2024*

- 1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?**  
**If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?**
- 2. Have you ever had a season of life where you've done a certain task for so long that you go about it somewhat mindlessly?**  
*(I shared about getting so familiar with music during a tour that by the end you can play the setlist without any real heart or thought).*  
**Consider this mentality as it pertains to your relationship with the Lord vs empty religiosity - has this ever happened to you?**  
**If so, how do you believe that sort of "mindlessness" of religious routine came about in your life?**  
**Was it related to unconfessed sin in your life, apathy over the practice of your faith, or something else?**  
**How did the Lord lead you to get through that season back to vibrancy in your relationship with Him?**  
**OR if you're currently in that season, what steps do you feel you need to take to get back on track with the Lord?**
- 3. How does the preface of Psalm 51 provide historical backdrop to help us understand the place from which King David is writing?**  
*\*\*The events outlined in this preface can be found in 2 Samuel 11-12; read those chapters to better understand what's taken place.*  
**As you consider the sins that David has committed against God, on what grounds does he appeal for forgiveness? (Verse 1)**  
**How does his appeal reveal an ownership of all of his sins and an understanding of the character of the one true God?**  
**In light of David's response to Nathan's confrontation of sin, how should you respond when confronted with sin in your life?**  
**Are there any particular sins or sin-patterns in your life for which the Holy Spirit is convicting you right now?**  
**If so, how can Psalm 51 help you to know how you ought to come before the Lord?**
- 4. Have you ever feared the removal of the Holy Spirit from your life based on King David's prayer in this Psalm?**  
**How do John 15 & 16, Rom. 8, & 2 Cor. 1:22-23 help us to understand Holy Spirit's work on behalf of those who are in Christ?**  
**How does this differ from the role of the Holy Spirit pre-incarnation (as in the time of King David)?**  
**How is it better for us to be alive in Christ now (this side of Jesus's resurrection/ascension) than it was for King David?**
- 5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?**  
**Conviction over sin is evidence of God's mercy!**  
*When confronted/convicted of sin, confess it!*  
**God is perfectly righteous & just in all He does!**  
*We're responsible for our sin & the awful results!*  
**All people are sinful from before we were born!**  
*We must be reborn in the Spirit through Jesus!*  
**God isn't impressed by our empty outward acts!**  
*Worship Him from humble & grateful hearts!*