

PSALMS OF SUMMER



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Part 3
Psalm 51

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[Romans 2:4]

"...His kindness leads us to repentance"

Repentance is a change of mind followed by a change of direction

"The Holy Spirit confronts the sin in our lives in order to bring us back to God, never to cause us to feel shamed or hopeless"

- 1. Forgiveness is never based on what we deserve but what we need.**

[Psalm 51:1]

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion...
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin*

2. We all need the Hyssop and the water.

[Psalm 51:7]

*Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.*

[Psalm 51:11]

*“Do not banish me from your presence,
and don’t take your Holy Spirit from me.”*

3. Repentance restores relationship, refreshes our soul and recovers our joy.

[Psalm 51:8, 12]

*Oh, give me back my joy again;
you have broken me—
now let me rejoice.*

***Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.***

[Acts 3:19-20]

“Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Then times of refreshing will come from the presence of the Lord”

4. We simply come and God makes something from nothing!

[Psalm 51:10]

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a loyal spirit within me.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have someone read out Psalms 51:1-12
2. When you hear the word "repent" what do you think of?
3. Have you ever been the victim of a bullhorn preacher?
Can you think of a time when judgment and condemnation actually made you feel the love of God? OF COURSE NOT! What does the grace of God feel like? What does it motivate you to do?
4. When the Holy Spirit comes to confront you about your sin what is your usual response? Why is it so difficult to accept correction and then move toward repentance with the appropriate response?
5. Have you ever tried to stay in relationship with God through works? How long did it last? How much love did you experience? Why do we fall for the trap of performance = acceptance?
6. What has God done with your nothingness?
7. Pray for each other and ask Gods grace to fill the room and heal some hearts.