



Psalm 51 Discussion Questions

- Dan highlights that David was a “man after God’s own heart,” and because he was a man, he had a sin nature. As people born into the curse of sin, our natural inclination is to justify our sin.
 - Where do you often find yourself justifying your sin rather than acknowledging it and confessing it? Are there particular relationships, times, or circumstances this occurs?
- In verse 1, David appeals to God’s steadfast love, which was not a common attribute to one’s god in David’s time. Pagan rituals upheld strict punishment.
 - Do you find yourself growing numb to God’s grace? Or is it a new concept? How has it shaped your view of God?
- We learned that grace is not the hiding or minimizing of an offense, but rather it is another taking on the cost of the sin.
 - Just as God through Christ has done this for each of us, can you recall a time when someone extended this kind of grace to you?

- When David appeals to God's "abundant mercy," we also learn that this mercy includes compassion and tenderness for one to enter into the pain of another. David asks the Lord to feel the pain of his own broken heart over his sins.
 - Do you find yourself hesitant to invite God into the pain of your sin? If so, what lies about the character of God, create this hesitancy?
- In verse 2, David says "wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!" Sin has disoriented his soul, and the only one who can heal is God.
 - Where do you first go when you are seeking healing and renewal? Is it in prayer to God or another relationship, habit, or thing?
- Just as God extends forgiveness to us when we confess, we are to therefore extend the same to others with patient endurance.
 - Where is it most difficult to extend the same forgiveness to others? The workplace, in family, or in friendships?
 - How does your relationship with the Lord equip you to enter into lamentation with compassion with your offender?