

Summer Psalms: Psalm 51

Life Steps | August 13 & 14, 2016

Day 1 **2 Samuel 11 & Psalm 51**
Why is David crying out to God asking for mercy? How was he feeling about his transgressions? Who confronted David? How did he confront him? What was David's reaction to the confrontation? What does God desire from us when we sin? (Psalm 51:16-17)

Day 2 **Psalm 32**
How many words does David use for sin in verses 1-2? Why do you think he uses these particular words? Create a list of synonyms for each word. How does David describe sin's impact upon his life in verses 3-4? Can you relate to the way David felt in the midst of his sin? If so, how?

Day 3 **Psalm 32:5 & Psalm 51:12-15 & I John 1:9-2:2**
What does God do when we confess our sin to him? How does the world's way of dealing with sin differ from God's way? Describes how it feels to be stuck in sin. Describe how it feels to be forgiven.

Day 4 **Psalm 32 & Psalm 51**
What do we learn about God in these two Psalms? Recite Psalm 1 from memory. Review your message notes.

Day 5 **Psalm 32:8-9 & Psalm 51:13**
How did David Respond to God's forgiveness in these verses? Why? If you were invited to speak to a group of young adults to instruct them on the importance of making godly decisions, what would be the heart of your sharing?

Day 6 **Psalm 32:10-11 & Psalm 51:14-19**
Name some other ways David responded to God's forgiveness? Why? Refer to your message notes. What does it mean and not mean to live with a "broken and contrite heart?"

Day 7 **Psalm 25**
List the actions this Psalm instructs us to take when we find ourselves in a hard life season because of our own or somebody else's doing. In your current life season, identify the action steps you will take to be better connected to God and to people. Recite Psalm 23 from memory.