

July 28, 2024

Sermon Series

Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Sacred Conversations

Today's Message

Confession, Repentance, and the Joy of Forgiveness

Today's Main Scripture

Psalm 32

Support Scripture

Psalm 51

Psalm 38:1-4

2 Corinthians 7:8-10

1 John 1:8-10

Main Point

This morning's message, the sixth in our series on prayer, examines a lesser-known prayer of David found in Psalm 32. In this prayer of reflection, David models a true spirit of contrition as he lays out the important elements of penitential prayer. As we study this Psalm, we will notice an important connection to last Sunday's message and the Tax Collector's prayer for mercy.

- A Testimony of Grace (Think Repentance and Forgiveness)
- A Warning about Silence (Think Unconfessed Sin)
- A Glimpse of Christ (Think Gospel and the Cross)

Self Reflection:

1) How often do you find yourself rationalizing, excusing, or even denying your sin? Take time to examine your heart, confess your sins, and give thanks for God's patience and forgiveness.

2) As you pray this week, ask God to help you see yourself and your sin accurately, and to reveal areas of blindness that need to be dealt with through confession and repentance.

3) Are you currently in a discipleship relationship or D-Group? Who have you given permission to ask the penetrating questions designed to expose sin and correct inaccurate perceptions?

