

Sermon Questions

A Thanksgiving Psalm: God Is Worthy of Praise

Psalm 51:1-19

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CONNECT:

- Do you have a habit of regular confession and repentance? What does it look like?

GROW:

- Read Psalm 51:1. On what basis is David appealing to the Lord? How can this encourage you?
- Read Psalm 51:2. Our text reminds us that only God can blot out, wash and cleanse us from our sin. Do you sometimes try to do this in your own power? What are the results?
- Read Psalm 51:3-4. David acknowledges that he is aware of his sin. Maybe he wasn't fully aware until Nathan confronted him. Have you ever been convicted of sin you had justified and realized your need for confession? What were the circumstances?
- Read Psalm 51:5-10. David asks God to create a clean heart in him - something only God can do! Can it be difficult to ask God for this? What roadblocks might there be? (Shame, not truly wanting to sin habit to be removed, fear...)

GO:

- Spend time this week focused prayer and confession. Use Psalm 51 as a roadmap.

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1. God is a compassionate God who forgives all who confess, and by His Spirit's power, repents of sin (Psalm 51; Psalm 103:12; Micah 7:19). God is so good and so worthy of thanksgiving!
2. God is a merciful God who does not always give repentant sinners their full, deserved discipline (Psalm 51:1 f). God is so good and so worthy of thanksgiving!
3. God is a cleansing God who washes sinners clean when we ask His son for forgiveness, justification, and adoption. Even after salvation, we daily need to ask for additional cleansing from our gracious God. He is so worthy of thanksgiving due to His cleansing grace!