



JULY 11 2021

CONFESSION

Luke 18:10-13; 2 Cor. 10-11; Hebrews 4:12-16	13, ask God to reveal what He wants to refine in His love for
SECTION 1: What is the pattern of this world?	Confess to God. Now it's time to bring those areas of brokenness to God, approaching the throne of grace with
Confession is difficult because of  Confession is difficult because we the opinions of others.	confidence. Remember that God already knows you complete so you aren't telling Him shocking information he doesn't alre know, but instead inviting Him in to bring His mercy (not getting punishment we deserve), grace (being showered with wonde things we don't deserve), and help.
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Jesus invites us into transformation that begins with	Confess to another person. Our inability to fathom that we be fully known and fully loved causes us to hide not only from but from other people as well. Take a step this week to tear distribution.
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community, not a community.	someone you know will bear the image of God for you by offe
<b>SECTION 3:</b> How will we test and approve ("try and see") this practice together?	you mercy, grace, and help in believing that you can be more known and loved.
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"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.  – Hebrews 4:16	weaknesses, and insecurities. Pay attention to the ways thos around you hide in their fear of being unlovable and bear the of God by finding ways to woo them out of hiding with your unconditional mercy and grace.
PRACTICING CONFESSION:	Design your own practice of confession and write it here:
Begin the day with the Daily Meditation. Our suggested activities this week for confession will all be geared toward helping us practice	TALKITOVED
believing, living, and inviting others to experience impossibly good news, that we can be fully known and fully loved.	TALK IT OVER  What thought from the message was most helpful to you? W thought was most challenging?
Daily Meditation: Begin each morning this week by meditating on	Have you ever been a part of a confessing community, one ir
Hebrews 4:12-16. Write down your thoughts as they come to you and keep them as a journal of your thoughts this week.	you came together with others as sinners rather than pretend saints? How did that impact you? What would that look like h
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**SECTION 2:** How does Jesus invite us to be transformed?

- 1. Jesus invites us into transformation that begins with HUMBLE CONFESSION.
- 2. The church is called to be a CONFESSING community, not a PERFECT community.

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