

Favorite Psalms

GROWING CLOSER TO GOD

Psalm 51 (p. 474)

(We can only feel the necessity of God's forgiveness, when we see the gravity of our sinfulness.)

- **Cancel the charges recorded against me**

The nature of sin

The burden of sin

The essence of sin

The judgment of sin

The depth of sin

- **Create the changes required within me**

Witness and worship will follow repentance and forgiveness.

A person who genuinely desires forgiveness and holiness, will want God to build up and delight in his people.

A sincere desire for forgiveness will be accompanied by a sincere desire for holiness.

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions, but try to discuss/study some in each category.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What evidences of grace have you seen since we last met?
2. Talk about the things the first part of Psalm 51 teaches about sin. (Use the sermon outline under the first bullet point to guide your discussion of these things.) Why is a biblical understanding of human sin important?
3. The two primary requests found in Psalm 51 (seen as the two bullet points in the message) are connected. Why is it true that "A sincere desire for forgiveness will be accompanied by a sincere desire for holiness."?
4. What stuck out to you from the sermon Sunday?
5. What themes do you find helpful or interesting?
6. What sin did the Holy Spirit convict you of in this sermon?
7. How were you encouraged by this passage?
8. How does this passage connect to or inform our understanding of the gospel?