

# Water of Life Community Church

## PRAYING POWERFUL PRAYERS

WEEK 3

PSALM 51

### ICE BREAKER

### PRAYER

### WORSHIP

### INTRODUCTION

We all deal with regret... when we own our stuff, God does amazing things to restore life to us. When we don't, we pay a huge price. In Psalm 51, we read about David's owning up to his sin. He offers no excuses, and blames no one but himself. As we look at this Psalm, we learn how to approach God with complete transparency, and in humility we are able to receive the deep healing and forgiveness we need.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ PSALM 51:1-4.

- a. In these verses, can you identify any excuses, blame shifting, or avoiding responsibility for what David did? Have you ever been caught, and then responded this way? Why or why not?
- b. Has anyone ever apologized to you like this? No excuses, no blame shifting? Have you ever apologized to anyone like this? Why is this so hard?

2. READ PSALM 51:6-12.

- a. In these verses, David makes a plea to God. He offers no bargain to God, just accepts God's word to be true. David agrees with God. Why do we often find that hard to do?

b. Have you ever tried to bargain with God? What did that look like?

3. READ PSALM 51:12-13.

a. David does not promise to make changes himself. Have you asked God to help you not become a repeat offender?

b. Verse 13 is David realizing that he cannot serve God until God heals him and makes him whole. Do we often try to continue serving God when we have not allowed God to cleanse us from our sins? How does that work?

4. READ PSALM 51:14-17.

a. In verses 14-15, David knows that he cannot praise God until he is healed and restored. What does your worship look like when you are harboring hidden sin that is not confessed?

b. Verses 16-17 express what God is really looking for. What is it? What does that look like for you?

## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Ask God if there is someone that you need to apologize to; no excuses, no blaming others. How will you prepare what you will say?
- Did you make your apology? How was your apology accepted?

## GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

### REFLECT

- David learned how to make things right with God. Do you know how to do this?

### RESPOND

- Talk to God today and ask Him if there is anything that you need to come clean about with Him.

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## MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 51:10-12

"Create in me a clean heart, God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And sustain me with a willing spirit."

## NOTES