

SG Discussion

Focus: To encourage repentance to a merciful God.

Note: This will be a great opportunity to read a large portion of Scripture with your group. Maybe go around in a circle and let each person read 5 or so verses (depending on the size of your SG).

Read 2 Samuel 11:1-12:15

Now read Psalm 51

Plea 1: What about David's plea in verses 1-2 stand out to you? Why do you think he begins by focusing on God's mercy? How is this similar to your prayers of repentance? Different?

Declaration 1: What about David's declaration in verses 3-6 stand out to you? What are some of the key elements of his confession? Which elements would you benefit from in your own prayers of repentance?

Plea 2: What about David's plea in verses 7-12 stand out to you? What specific things is David pleading for? How could these guide you when you ask God to restore you?

Declaration 2: What about David's declaration in verses 13-17 stand out to you? How should repentance lead to evangelism? What is the difference in contrition and attrition (2 Cor. 7:9-10)? Which do your prayers of repentance tend to be more like? What would be different if you were contrite like David?

Plea 3: What about the plea in verses 18-19 stands out to you? How can use your humble prayers of supplication (personal repentance) as a catalyst for humble prayers of petition (prayers for others)?

Workshop: Write your own Psalm 51. You can use David's pattern of pleading, declaring, pleading, declaring, cont. or simply something that convicted you from the text.