

SIN IN REMISSION

Psalm 51

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE FOUNDATION OF REPENTANCE
2. THE REQUIREMENT OF REPENTANCE
3. THE FUEL FOR REPENTANCE
4. THE RESULT OF REPENTANCE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. This week's message was all about repentance. What do you think of when you hear the word repentance? How was your view of repentance challenged or changed in our look at Psalm 51?
3. Repentance can be defined as "killing the habits of your heart that are killing you without killing yourself." To what degree have you experienced this sort of repentance in your life?
4. The foundation of repentance is an infallible standard that is outside of ourselves that allows us to see reality clearly. Without this sort of standard we won't be able to distinguish between true and false guilt. How do you know the difference between true and false guilt? What do you do when you feel true guilt? What do you do when you feel false guilt?
5. The requirement of repentance is confession. Confession is taking the time to see your sin from the perspective of the person you've wronged and taking full responsibility for it. Our hearts will find every possible excuse NOT to do this. What are some of your natural tendencies that keep you from taking full responsibility for your actions? What kind of excuses, justifications, blame-shifting, half-apologies, etc. are you most prone to? Why do we avoid confessing?
6. The fuel for repentance is realizing that sin doesn't just break God's rules it breaks God's heart. Do you tend to think of your sin more in terms of what it does to you or what it does to God? What does our sin do to God?
7. The result of repentance is a complete surrender to God and His will. What are some reasons you don't fully trust God? What are some reasons you know God is trustworthy?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: In Jesus, we see that God is a God of grace who specializes in redemption.