

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

JUNE 20/21, 2020

HOW TO TALK TO GOD | THE EVERY DAY PRAYER

PSALM 51



**Note to Leaders:** Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group from each section below.

## FOR STARTERS

1. Icebreaker: What's one thing about summer that you look forward to no matter what the next few months hold?
2. Share one moment of anxiety and one moment of joy since the last time you were in the group.

## DIGGING IN

1. Psalm 51 is David's prayer of confession of his covetousness, adultery and murder. It may be a good idea to go back to 2 Samuel 11:1-12:15 to get caught up to the story.
2. Read Psalm 51:1-6.
  - a. What is David's specific request in his prayer?
  - b. What is the heart posture David is exhibiting to God?
  - c. What truths about God is David declaring?
3. Read Psalm 51:7-12.
  - a. Check out other references to Hyssop in the Bible: Exodus 12:22 and Hebrews 9:19. What was the poetic image David was creating in his prayer?
  - b. What are the mental, emotional and physical results of David's forgiveness?

4. Read Psalm 51:13-19.

- a. What do these verses tell us about God's attitude toward us when He forgives sin?
  
  
- b. Check out Hosea 6:6. What is God's highest desire for His people?

## BRINGING IT HOME

1. What does David's prayer teach you about the effect of hidden sin? Can you relate to David?
  
  
2. What does David's prayer teach you about the mercy of God?
  
  
3. When you step into sin intentionally or unintentionally, is it difficult to confess your sin? How does David's prayer act as a model to us when we sin? (See also 1 John 1:8-9.)

## GOING DEEPER

1. **Read, meditate on and memorize this Scripture:** "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:8-9.
2. Meditate on the goodness of God who invites sinners to find freedom and cleansing.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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