

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Psalms – Lyrics for Life

### Week 3: His Forgiveness

#### Psalm 51:1-19

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David avoided repentance for almost a year. His friend, Nathan, confronted him. The confrontation worked brilliantly. David repented. He repented well. His repentance, expressed in Psalm 51, provides us a roadmap for how to handle our own sin.

**Kicking it off:** Jeff confessed receiving a traffic ticket for running a red light. The violation was captured on a traffic camera. Have you ever received traffic camera ticket? If so, tell the group about it.

#### Discussion:

1. Reread Psalm 51:1-2

Blot out my **transgressions**.  
Wash away all my **iniquity**.  
Cleanse me from my **sin**.

“**transgressions**” = Crossing the Boundary  
“**iniquity**” = Planning the Evil  
“**sin**” = Missing the Mark

How did David’s moral failure with Bathsheba and Uriah express all three forms of failure?

2. Reread Psalm 51:3-4 I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

In what ways do these verses express “depth” in confession?

3. Reread Psalm 51:7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

David boldly asked the Lord for forgiveness. When we repent, we often say, “I’m sorry” and fail to ask God for forgiveness. Why is this?

4. Reread Psalm 51:10-12 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit.

Based on this request, what destruction has David’s sin caused to his soul?

5. Why did David avoid bringing his sin to the Lord in repentance for so long?
6. Why do most Christians repent rarely?

**Wrapping It Up:** Spend some time praying that each group member would grow much closer to the Lord in the days ahead.