
OUR FORGIVING GOD: Psalm 51:1-17**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: Why do we often hide sin rather than to confess it honestly?

STUDY THE BIBLE

Psalm 51:1-6

Read Aloud: Have someone read Psalm 51:1-6.

Discussion: What does David ask God to do in these opening verses?

What makes honest confession difficult in everyday life?

Why does David say his sin is ultimately against God?

Psalm 51:7-12

Read Aloud: Have someone read Psalm 51:7-12.

Discussion: What kinds of renewal does David ask for here?

Where do you long for God to restore joy or steadiness in your life?

What is the difference between moral improvement and the renewal David wants?

Psalm 51:13-17

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Psalm 51:13-17.

Discussion: What does David say God desires in a repentant person?

How can repentance become a regular spiritual practice rather than an emergency response?

Why does restored mercy lead David toward teaching and praise?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Spend time praying through Psalm 51 slowly, turning David's words into your own confession and asking God for a clean heart.

Confess one specific sin without excuse before God, and where needed, take one honest step toward confession or restitution with another person.

Thank Jesus each day this week for the mercy that cleanses sin and ask him to restore joy where guilt or shame has taken root.

PRAYER TIME

JESUS SEEKS AND SAVES: Luke 19:1-10**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: What kinds of people do others tend to write off too quickly?

STUDY THE BIBLE

Luke 19:1-4

Read Aloud: Have someone read Luke 19:1-4.

Discussion: What do these verses reveal about Zacchaeus?

What obstacles keep people from getting close to Jesus today?

What barriers did/do you have to overcome to come to Jesus?

Luke 19:5-7

Read Aloud: Have someone to read Luke 19:5-7.

Discussion: What does Jesus do that surprises the crowd?

How can believers imitate Jesus' pursuit of people who are overlooked or judged?

Why does the crowd react with grumbling?

Luke 19:8-10

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Luke 19:8-10.

Discussion: What evidence of change appears in Zacchaeus?

What might repentance look like in practical, costly terms today?

Why is verse 10 such an important mission statement for Jesus?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Pray for one person who seems far from God and ask for an opening to move toward them.

Practice repentance in one concrete area, not merely in words but in action.

Show intentional hospitality to someone outside your normal circle.

PRAYER TIME

THE WORD BECAME FLESH: John 1:1-18

CREATE INTEREST

Question: When has knowing someone changed the way you view a group of people or life?

STUDY THE BIBLE

John 1:1-5

Read Aloud: Have someone read John 1:1-5.

Discussion: What truths about the Word are stated in these verses?

How does Jesus as light speak to confusion, darkness, or fear today?

Why does John echo Genesis with the phrase in the beginning?

John 1:6-13

Read Aloud: Have someone or a few people read John 1:6-13.

Discussion: What role does John the Baptist play in this section?

In what ways can believers bear witness to Jesus in ordinary life?

What tension appears between rejection and receiving in these verses?

John 1:14-18

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud John 1:14-18.

Discussion: What does it mean that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us?

How does Jesus' fullness of grace and truth shape the way believers relate to others?

Why does John end this section by saying Jesus has made the Father known?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Read John 1:1-18 aloud several times this week and worship Jesus for who he is.

Identify one conversation where you can bear witness to Christ with both grace and truth.

Reflect on one area of darkness where you need Jesus' light and bring it to him in prayer.

PRAYER TIME

THE BREAD OF LIFE: John 6:25-40

CREATE INTEREST

Question: What are different things people look to for satisfaction or fulfillment?

STUDY THE BIBLE

John 6:25-29

Read Aloud: Have someone read John 6:25-29.

Discussion: Why does Jesus challenge the crowd's motives?

What temporary things are you tempted to treat as ultimate sources of satisfaction?

Why is Jesus' answer about the work of God so surprising?

John 6:30-34

Read Aloud: Have someone read John 6:30-34.

Discussion: What comparison does the crowd make, and how does Jesus correct it?

How can faith become transactional rather than relational?

Why does Jesus shift from past tense to present reality in talking about true bread?

John 6:35-40

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud John 6:35-40.

Discussion: What promises does Jesus make to those who come to him?

How can a believer feed on Christ in daily life?

What do these verses reveal about both divine sovereignty and human response?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Reflect daily, What am I hungry for, and how does Christ meet that need?

Read a portion of John's Gospel daily as spiritual nourishment.

Share the hope of eternal life with someone who feels empty or fearful.

PRAYER TIME