

1. Read Psalm 32:1-4 — ***The Weight of Hidden Sin.***

- David uses three different words to describe sin (transgression, sin, and iniquity). What do these different descriptions teach us about the seriousness and depth of our sin?
- David uses three words to describe God's response to sin (forgiven, covered, and not counted against us). Which picture of forgiveness is most meaningful to you and why?
- Verse 2 says, "Blessed is the one...in whose spirit is no deceit." Why do you think self-deception is often one of the greatest obstacles to repentance?
- The message emphasized that God's heavy hand was not punishment meant to destroy David, but loving discipline meant to restore him. How does understanding God's discipline as an act of love change the way we respond to conviction?

2. Read Psalm 32:5-7 — ***The Freedom of Honest Confession.***

- The message described confession as "coming into agreement with God." How is biblical confession different from simply feeling guilty or sorry? Why is it often easier to explain, excuse, or justify our sin than to honestly confess it?
- Verse 6 urges believers to pray to God "while he may be found." What does that urgency teach us about dealing with sin quickly rather than delaying repentance?
- David says God became his "hiding place." What is the difference between hiding *from* God and hiding *in* God?

3. Read Psalm 32:8-11 — ***The Joy of Walking With God.***

- After forgiving David, God's first response is to instruct and teach him. What does this reveal about God's heart toward those who repent?
- Why do you think God compares stubborn people to a horse or mule in Verse 9? In what areas are we sometimes tempted to resist God's leading?
- David ends the psalm rejoicing instead of grieving. Why do you think forgiven people are able to experience a deeper joy than people who simply try to convince themselves they've done nothing wrong?

4. How does the cross of Christ answer the question of how a holy God can forgive guilty sinners?

Next Week: Psalm 9:1-20

Reading Plan: John 6-10



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