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Week three - "I'm the Problem, It's Me"

Matthew 6:12 and Psalm 51

Bottom line: Confession is an invitation to not hide, and instead move closer to God.

- 1. How do you see our world and our culture rebelling against the idea that anyone could possibly be wrong or need help? How do *you* push back on the idea of anyone, or yourself, being wrong or needing help?
- 2. What's the difference between being a sinner and being a "mistaker"? Why do we readily admit mistakes but bristle at the idea of being called a sinner?
- 3. What thoughts or experiences come to mind when you hear the word "confession"?
- 4. Jesus included confession in his tutorial with the disciples on prayer (Matthew 6:12). Why do you think confession is an important part of prayer?
- 5. Read David's famous prayer of confession in Psalm 51.
 - a. What stands out to you?
 - b. Why does David say he has sinned against God alone when clearly he has sinned against others as well?
 - c. How have you found it to be true that sin never impacts *just us*?
 - d. How does David's confession lead to healing and a renewed relationship with God?
- 6. Jenn listed three big reasons we often avoid confession: stubbornness, shame, and pride. Which one stands out most to you, and why?

If you're group is reading Tyler Staton's "Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools," please take some time and talk about any additional takeaways from chapter four on "Searching and Naming."