



**Sermon Discussion Questions - August 1 & 3, 2025**  
**Summer in the Psalms - Week 8**  
**Psalms 51**

**Cornerstone Men**

Cornerstone Men equips men to follow Jesus, connect in community, and grow in their faith.

[cornerstonechurch.community/men](https://cornerstonechurch.community/men)

**Cornerstone Women**

Cornerstone Women's mission is to help women follow Jesus through growth in community at Cornerstone Church.

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**RightNow Media**

Cornerstone provides access to RightNow Media, so if your group would like to use their resources for a study, check out the site!

[rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/cornerstonesi](https://rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/cornerstonesi)

**Meal for Care Night**

Each week, a small group provides dinner for attendees of Care Night, held on Wednesday nights. If your group is interested in serving in this way, email Gayle at [gdwright@cornerstone.team](mailto:gdwright@cornerstone.team).

**Ice Breaker:** *Confession and repentance are key parts of following Jesus, but they're not always easy.*

- **Q1: Which of these is hardest for you to say:**

1. "I was wrong." | 2. "I need help." | 3. "I'm sorry."

**Why do you think that one is the most difficult for you?**

*Read Psalm 51. This psalm was written after the prophet Nathan confronted David about his sin with Bathsheba. It's a raw and honest prayer of confession.*

- **Q2: How do you typically respond when someone calls out sin in your life?**
- **Q3: How do you respond when you need to lovingly confront someone else?**

*In verses 1–3, David doesn’t sugarcoat his sin — he uses strong words like “transgressions,” “iniquity,” and “sin.”*

- **Q4: Why do you think it’s important to be honest and specific when we confess sin, rather than downplaying it?**

*Continuing in verse 4, David says, “Against you, you only, have I sinned.”*

- **Q5: How do we make sense of that, knowing that sin also hurts other people?**
- **Q6: How does remembering that God is the ultimate judge of sin affect the way we confess and repent?**

*In verses 16–17, David says God isn’t looking for outward performance — He wants a broken, contrite heart.*

- **Q7: Why do you think we sometimes try to earn our way back to God instead of just coming to Him honestly?**
- **Q8: What does real, humble repentance look like in your relationship with God?**

*Davis prays, “Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.”*

- **Q9: Where in your life right now do you need God’s Spirit to help you obey or bring cleansing?**
- **Q10: Where do you need Him to restore your joy this week?**

*Take a few minutes to encourage each other and spend some time in prayer together!*