

# Discussion Questions

## August 8 – 14

If you missed the weekend sermon, you can find it here:

<https://www.biblechapel.org/sermons/>

1. What is your favorite Olympic sport to watch and why?
2. We are considering the 7 Steps of True Repentance from Psalm 51. Last week we considered the first three steps. Review from last week:
  - Step 1: True repentance begins with an understanding of man's sinful nature (Psalm 51:5).
  - Step 2: True repentance grasps the truth that my sin is first and foremost against God (Psalm 51:3-4).
  - Step 3: True repentance is a heartfelt emotion (Psalm 51:16-17).

This weekend we considered steps 4-7. Step 4: True repentance is always based on God's great grace (Psalm 51:1-2). Read Psalm 51:1-2. Discuss the richness and importance of God's "steadfast love" and "abundant mercy."

3. Step 5: True repentance accepts the consequences (Psalm 51:4). The consequences of David's sin are described in 2 Samuel 12:13-23. Discuss this hard truth that even forgiven sin has consequences.
4. Step 6: True repentance calls on God to do major work (Psalm 51:7-11). Sin sucks the joy out of our lives. Read Psalm 51:8 and 51:12. Discuss the joy that comes with forgiveness.
5. Step 7: True repentance comes with a willingness to humbly teach others about the seriousness of sin (Psalm 51:12-13). Without going into details, share a time when you have helped another person in their struggles or when someone has helped you.

## Bible References

### Psalm 51

#### Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

- 51 Have mercy on me,<sup>[a]</sup> O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.
- <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- <sup>6</sup> Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right<sup>[b]</sup> spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.
- <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- <sup>16</sup> For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

<sup>18</sup> *Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;*  
<sup>19</sup> *then will you delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.*

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