

Discussion Questions

August 1 – 7

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1. What is your favorite Pittsburgh Food Truck? (P.S. you can join us for Food Trucks on Saturdays at 6pm throughout the month of August; I would love to meet you there – Ron Moore).
2. **Read 2 Samuel 12:1-7.** Why are we so apt to see sin in the lives of others but not in our own lives?
3. **Read Psalm 51:3-4.** Recall and discuss further why we said this past weekend that it is so important to understand that our sin is first and foremost against God.
4. **Read Galatians 5:16-17.** When we trust in Christ the penalty of sin is gone, but the inclination to sin remains. Discuss the spiritual struggle in the life of the believer.
5. **Read Psalm 51:16-17 and 2 Corinthians 7:10.** Discuss the difference between godly grief (or godly sorrow) and worldly grief (or worldly sorrow).

Bible References

2 Samuel 12:1-7

12 And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms,^[a] and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶ and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." ⁷ Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.

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,^[a] O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.*

*² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!*

*³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.*

*⁴ 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.*

*⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

*⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*

*⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

*⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.*

*⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.*

- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right^[b] spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- ¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Galatians 5:16-17

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

2 Corinthians 7:10

¹⁰ For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

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