



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



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Dive In (10 Minutes)

Go around and let everyone share... What is a time you accidentally stained or ruined a prized possession (a favorite garment, a couch, or a piece of gear)? What steps did you have to take to clean or restore it, and how does that compare to how hard it can feel to "clean the slate" emotionally or spiritually after a mistake?

Dig Deep (40 Minutes)

Read Psalm 51:1-19 aloud.

- Notice the words David uses to describe God in verse 1 (*unfailing love, great compassion*). Why does David start his confession by focusing on God's character rather than his own sin? How does knowing God is merciful and compassionate change the way you approach Him when you make a mistake?
- In verse 4, David says, "*Against you, you only, have I sinned.*" Given that David's sin deeply hurt other people (Uriah, Bathsheba, Israel), what does he mean by this statement? David acknowledges that God desires truth in the "inner parts" (v. 6). What is the difference between outward behavioral modification and genuine inner heart transformation?
- Verse 8 mentions hearing joy and gladness again. How does unconfessed sin impact our capacity to worship God freely? How does receiving forgiveness reignite our worship?
- Focus on David's plea in verses 10–12 ("*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me*"). Why can't we simply try harder or fix our own spiritual brokenness? What does it mean for God to *create* a clean heart within us?
- When God restores to us the joy of His salvation, what is David's natural response (vv. 13–15)? How does experiencing radical grace compel us to share God's mercy with others and praise Him openly?

Do Big (10 Minutes)

- Consider verse 17. In what way will this verse impact how you approach God in worship, from now on?
- Look at verse 19 and answer how you will make it your aim to bring "right sacrifices" before God?