

Psalm

the language of faith

Notes

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Psalm: The Language of Faith Power of Confession Psalm 32

Group Discussion Questions

Ok, don't be spiritual for a minute. What is your picture of the blessed life? Describe a day that would be a picture of perfect blessedness.

What strikes you about how David describes being blessed in verse 1? Have you ever experienced this feeling of blessedness?

In this Psalm, David talks about our instinct to "cover" our sin because exposed sin is a terrifying thing. Share a time when your (or someone else's) sin was exposed. How did you/they feel?

There are a lot of things we do to deal with and cover up guilt in our lives: blame-shift, rationalize, compare, achieve, give, penitence... Which one of these are you tempted to use to cover your guilt. Do you have an example?

What do you think it means to find our "hiding place" in God?

Verse 9 talks about the horse and the mule. The idea here is that they feel remorse for the consequences of sin (bit and bridle) but they never actually see the sin itself. The consequences hurt you, but the sin hurts the other. Share a time when you have acted, or been tempted to act, like a mule.

Two tips for walking into confession:

- 1) See it from the other's (person's or God's) perspective
- 2) Take full responsibility

Have you done this before? Do you need to do this?

What else from this week's message struck you?

Psalm Reading Plan

Week 1 (June 11-17) Psalm 1-12

- 1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8
 9-10 11-12 Reflect

Week 2 (June 18-24) Psalm 13-24

- 13-14 15-16 17-18 19-20
 21-22 23-24

Week 3 (June 25-July 1) Psalm 25-36

- 25-26 27-28 29-30 31-32
 33-34 35-36 Reflect

Week 4 (July 2- 8) Psalm 37-48

- 37 38-39 40-41 42-43
 44-45 46-47 48

Week 5 (July 9-15) Psalm 49-60

- 49-50 51-52 53-54 55-56
 57-58 59-60 Reflect

Week 6 (July 16-22) Psalm 61-72

- 61-62 63-64 65-66 67-68
 69 70-71 72

Week 7 (July 23-29) Psalm 73-84

- 73-74 75-76 77 78
 79-80 81-82 83-84

Week 8 (July 30-August 5) Psalm 85-97

- 85-86 87-88 89 90-91
 92-93 94-95 96-97

Week 9 (August 6-12) Psalm 98-108

- 98-99 100-101 102-103 104-105
 106 107 108

Week 10 (August 13-19) Psalm 109-119

- 109-110 111-112 113-114 115-118
 119:1-80 119:81-152 119:153-176

Week 11 (August 20-26) Psalm 120-136

- 120-121 122-124 125-126 127-128
 129-131 132-134 135-136

Week 12 (August 27-31) Psalm 137-150

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 145-146 147-148 149-150

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