

## Small Group Discussion Questions Following the Weekend of July 20-21, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

## Embracing God's Mercy in Our Brokenness (Psalm 51)

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## **Group Interaction & Application**

Read aloud together Psalm 51.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Nate's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

How compassionate are you towards others when they fall?

How compassionate are you towards yourself when you fall?

Why is it that you respond (for either question) in the manner you shared above?

If you have ever felt exasperated by a sin in your life (and if you are comfortable sharing), how did you address it, if at all?

If this was in the past, how might you address a situation like this differently today?

What has it looked like for you to run away from God when you are wrestling with sin?

What has it looked like for you to run to God when you are wrestling with sin?

How have these two responses played out for you?

In Psalm 51, we see what it could look like to bring our sin to God. Pastor Nate sees David taking five action points:

- 1. Confessing our sin (vs. 51:3)
- 2. Appealing to God's mercy (vs. 51:1)
- 3. Seeking renewal (vs. 51:10, Romans 12:2)
- 4. Restoring joy (vs. 51:12)
- 5. Sharing the story (vs. 51:13,15)

Taking a specific look at these five action points, when have you addressed these steps and what was the result?

Which of these steps have you potentially missed and what could it look like to engage with them?

How open, vulnerable, and authentic do you feel you can be before God?

If you are comfortable sharing, is there something you are wrestling with today that you are feeling called to act on?

When have you experienced the restoring power of God when you have brought your sin to Him?

What did this restoration look and feel like?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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