

Linger
This week's reading: Psalm 51
Discussion Guide: March 10, 2024

CHECK UP:

Memory work: When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins – Colossians 2:13

How did you linger on your position before God this past week?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?

READ and ASK: Psalm 51

- What does this Psalm say about God?
- What character qualities of God are assumed and shared in this psalm?

READ Psalm 51 again as well as Acts 3:19 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

- What does this Psalm say about ourselves/people?
 - o What requests does David make to God?
- What is the backstory to this psalm? (See 2 Samuel 11-12)
- What stands out most from these passages?
- What do these texts teach us about sin and repentance?
 - o What does it mean to repent?
- What does it mean to make a request to God for a pure heart and a steadfast spirit?
- What kind of sacrifice does God most desire?

APPLY:

- In what ways do these texts most challenge you?
- Has covering up sin in your life ever backfired on you?
 - o How have you seen God's mercy when you have owned up to your sin?
 - o How do you view sin differently now than before you were a Christian?
- What are some valuable truths that this text contains that you can share with others?
- NEXT STEP: Based on Psalm 51, what does your greatest prayer to God need to be this week?

Memory Work:

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.- Psalm 51:10

Next Week's Reading:

Psalm 124