



## Four Great Psalms: Week Two Psalm 51...Confession

*For Monday October 22, please read Psalm 51 and work through the following questions—remember it is more important to **THINK** about and **STRUGGLE** with the questions than it is to get the “right” answer!*

1. Read all 19 verses of Psalm 51 (aloud, if you can!). What is your own definition of the following words:  
Mercy (v. 1)-  
Sin (v. 2, 4, 9)-  
  
Truth (v. 6)-  
  
Clean (v. 2, 7)-
2. This Psalm is written by David after his experience with Bathsheba. It is written in 2 Samuel 11-12. Read those chapters and answer the following:  
What sins did David commit besides adultery?  
  
What is the point of Nathan’s story in 2 Samuel 12:1-6?  
  
How does reading this story impact your reading of Psalm 51?
3. Compare Psalm 51:3 with 1 John 1:8-10. What is God’s Word saying about the nature of sin?
4. According to Psalm 51, what is the source of joy (v. 8 and 12)?

5. What is the connection between our own forgiveness and restoration (Ps. 51:12) and teaching other people about their sinfulness (Ps. 51:13)?
6. What is assuring about verse 17? If verse 17 is true, why do we have such a hard time admitting our sin?

7. What do the following verses teach you about confession and/or forgiveness?

Psalm 32:1-5-

Psalm 38

James 5:16

I John 1:8-10

and put a  
new



clean heart,

O God,

and right

spirit

within me.”

Psalm 51:10