

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



NOVEMBER 14, 2021

ICEBREAKERS –

Was “forgiveness” practiced or modeled in your home growing up?
Did your parents ever ask for forgiveness for a mistake they made?
What is your first recollection of someone asking you to forgive them? What was that like?

READ

Matthew 6:9-13 again focusing on “forgive us our debts”

QUESTIONS

- What makes being honest about our mistakes difficult? (Humbling, easier to point out all the mistakes in others)
- What is confession? ([agreeing with God that we've made a mistake](#))

READ

Romans 3:23, I John 1:8-10

QUESTIONS

- What are ways we try to rationalize, minimize or deceive ourselves about our own sin? ([compare to others, blur the lines, not taking a hard look at how we impact others](#))

- How does confessing our sins impact our relationship with God? Does anyone have an example?
- How does confessing our sins impact our relationship with others? Does anyone have an example?

READ

Psalm 51 – this Psalm was written by David who had made a lot of mistakes that had hurt a lot of people

QUESTION

- What other by-products of confession are included in this Psalm? ([joy, freedom from your sin, from "keeping a secret and hiding"](#))

PRAYER: How can this group pray for you?

God than you for your great gift of forgiveness and what you did to make it possible for us to live in relationship with you. Help us offer that same grace and forgiveness to others. In Jesus' Name – Amen.

LEADERS:

***Volunteer during the holidays as a group or with your family. Join the mission by going to rpc.me/volunteer to help welcome all the visitors who are headed our way.**

***We are baptizing under the Christmas Tree in December! Encourage those who haven't been baptized in your group to sign up at rpc.me/baptism.**

***This is the last SDG for this season. Please check your email for other optional studies.**