



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

Connect Group Guide: WK 8 Home Wreckers: Repentance

Read Galatians 5:16 & Psalm 51

1. David's greatest failure began long before Bathsheba. Where do you see spiritual complacency creeping into your own life, and how might that be making you more vulnerable to sin? What does it practically look like for you to "walk by the Spirit" this week?
2. Psalm 51 shows that David's greatest problem wasn't ultimately adultery or murder—it was his heart. What sins or patterns in your life reveal a deeper heart issue that only Jesus can heal? Why is behavior modification never enough?
3. David stopped making excuses and honestly confessed his sin before a holy God. Is there any unconfessed sin you've minimized, justified, or tried to cover instead of bringing into the light? What keeps us from true repentance?
4. David repeatedly asked God to do what he could not do himself: "Wash me," "Create in me," "Restore me." Where are you still trying to fix yourself instead of depending on Christ? How does the gospel free us from trying to earn God's acceptance?
5. Sin never affects only the sinner. How have you seen unrepented sin impact your family, friendships, workplace, or church? In what ways could your repentance become a blessing to the people around you?
6. David says, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation." When your joy in Jesus fades, what are you tempted to pursue instead? What does it look like to return to Christ as your greatest treasure rather than simply trying harder?
7. The sermon ended with a call to repentance and worship. What is one specific area where the Holy Spirit is inviting you to repent today, and what step of obedience can you take this week to respond to His grace? Close by praying Psalm 139:23–24 together: "Search me, O God, and know my heart..."

Deeper Theological Questions

1. David doesn't ask God to simply forgive his actions—he asks Him to "create in me a clean heart" (Psalm 51:10). What does this teach us about the root of sin, and why is the gospel about heart transformation rather than merely behavior modification?
2. David's repentance points beyond himself to the work that only Christ could accomplish. How does Psalm 51 help us see our need for Jesus' atoning death and the promise of the New Covenant, where God gives His people a new heart (Ezekiel 36:26)?

