

About Forgiveness, September 24, 2023

Ice Breaker:

Share a time when you felt the pressure to hide a mistake or failure. How did you handle that situation, and what were the outcomes?

Discussion Questions:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 7:10
The sermon talks about the difference between guilt and shame. How would you define these two concepts, and how have you experienced them in your life?
2. The speaker mentions that people often blame others or rationalize their actions when it comes to sin. Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you tried to rationalize, or shift blame for your actions? How did that impact your perspective?
3. Refer to 2 Samuel 11
The story of David and Bathsheba is highlighted as an example of hiding from God due to sin. Why do you think people tend to hide their sins instead of seeking forgiveness? How does this story relate to your own experiences?
4. How does David's response to God's forgiveness in Psalm 51 provide a model for us when dealing with our own sin? What aspects of his response resonate with you?
5. The sermon closes with a call to come to Jesus, repent, confess, and seek forgiveness. What steps can you take in your own life to respond to this call? How might you experience healing and freedom through confession and repentance?

Key Takeaway or Action Item:

Based on the sermon's message and the discussion we've had, what is one specific action step you can commit to taking this week to address any areas of sin or guilt in your life? How can your small group support you in this process?