

God's Forgiveness

Do you hear God speaking to you? And, if so, how do you discern His voice from the other "voices" within and around you? God speaks to each of us in personal ways through his Word, nature, and many other ways. Consider how you can best position yourself to hear God's voice.

Scripture Text: Psalm 51

Sermon Points:

- Make our appeal to the <u>merciful God (v.1-2)</u>
- Own our <u>guilt</u> and our need for <u>transformation (v.3-12)</u>
- Go live out our gratitude by encouraging others (v.13-19)

Weekly Practice: Set aside an hour this week to humbly pray through Psalm 51. Then, rejoice in the freedom of God's forgiveness.

Opener Question: Coming out of Great Adventure week, did you hear any stories to celebrate? How has God worked in your life this summer?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Is it difficult or easy for you to go to God when you mess up? Why?
- 2. Does your view/concept of God keep you from coming to Him & experiencing His freedom in true forgiveness? Why/why not?
- 3. In this Psalm, David asks for forgiveness and the power to change. What obstacles keep you from dealing with sin in your life and seeking His forgiveness and power to change?
- 4. Perhaps the best way we can experience God's loving forgiveness is to share it with others. How can you encourage others in your life towards restoration?