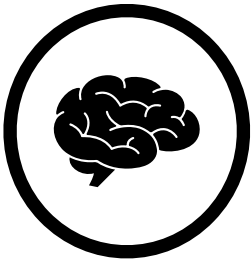


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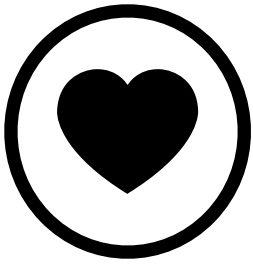
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Exploring the text

Questions for reflection:

1. What words does David use to describe his wrong doing?
What do each of these words mean?
2. In what ways does David describe or point to God's character?
3. Do you think vs.5 is provides weight and evidence to the doctrine of original sin?
4. Contrast vs.10-13 and Jeremiah 31:31-34. What are the similarities and differences in these verses?
5. David resolved to teach transgressors God's ways (vs.13).
What qualified him to do this following his own failure?
6. What do you think vs.17 means and how does that relate to us under the new covenant?
7. How do you think David's actions, confession and restoration relate to the life of the nation? Why does he move from personal confession to corporate intercession in vs.18?



Connecting our hearts

Questions for reflection:

1. Stu suggested that sin often starts small. Read 2 Samuel 11 - track how things started small and escalated.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 10:12-13. How do you think these words may have encouraged / counselled David? Do you think they would have made a difference to the choices he made?
3. God's Word through Nathan was what exposed David's sin (2 Samuel 12:1-14). How does the Word of God expose sin in our life?
4. Stu suggested that Psalm 51 provides a template for whole-hearted confession. Would you agree and why?
5. Stu suggested that whole-hearted confession in Psalm 51 has four parts - realising, pleading, expecting and promising. Connect these sections to the relevant verses in the Psalm.
6. Why do you think each part confession, listed above, is important?



Living it out

Questions for reflection:

1. What sin do you need to confess and turn from today? Spend some time sitting prayerfully with this question.
2. Is there someone you need to confess to and ask forgiveness for your words or actions?
3. How can you encourage a culture of forgiveness on your frontline?

Use the below space to write you own prayer of response