



THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | **SERIES: SEASONS OF THE SOUL**
TITLE: A SONG FOR RENEWAL
SCRIPTURE: PSALM 51

One Thing Follow-up:

There may be times when we feel isolated and far from God. In these times it is especially important to hear God's Word. Psalm 23 is a song that reminds us of the rest we have in God. The sermon described "dwelling in the house of the Lord" as actively living in the glory of God.

Q. How did you experience any of these last week?

Opening

Sin often leads people in two directions: 1) we turn from God while minimizing or ignoring our sin; 2) we turn to God with a humble heart, seeking healing and forgiveness.

Series Review:

The book of Psalms has been a hymnbook and prayer book for countless generations of Jews and Christians. It covers the entire range of emotion and experience, from the highest points of joy and thanksgiving to the lowest points of depression and loss.

This is the third week we have investigated a Psalm written by David. This particular Psalm was written in response to David's sin being brought to light by the prophet Nathan (2 Sam 12).

A Closer look at the Text

This message is about leading repentant lives, healing, and ultimately about reaching a place where we can be used by God.

Read Ps 51.1-5

Q. Examine the different words David uses to describe sin. Can you define sin? How do the different words help explain the depth and breadth of what David is describing?

Q. Can anyone share a time where their unresolved anger, fear, control issues, jealousy, or pride lead them to sin? How did you approach God to repent?

Q. Here we read the account of David taking his sin to God. What aspect of God's character gives David confidence? Have you experienced this?

Read Psalm 51.6-9

Q. David realizes God desires consistency in our lives. The Christian should be the same on Wednesday as he/she is on Sunday morning. Why is this so difficult?

Q. Psalm 51.8 mentions "the bones you have crushed." What does this mean? Have you experienced, or witnessed this? And, how does this lead to rejoicing?

Q. The sermon discussed the ways Satan attempts to twist guilt into shame. What is the difference between the two? Why is this so incredibly important? (Colossians 2.13-14 was given as a supporting text).

Read Ps 51.10-13

Q. Pay attention to the verbs used in these verses. Who is the one *doing* the work? Why is this so incredibly important?

Read Ps 51.14-17

Q. What does God want more than sacrifices or burnt offerings? Why is this important for us to know?

**Living It Out
Application**

Everyone has sin in their lives, and everyone needs a Savior. We have a God that loves us more than we can understand and sent his Son to be our Savior.

Q. What is God saying to you through this study?

Q. What will you do differently this week as a result?

Q. How can this group help?

Prayer:

Are there any specific needs, struggles, or praises for prayer?