

Confessions

DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss the impact of personal confession and renewal on communal revival. Discuss how our faith is greater than just ourselves. Discuss how God delights in communal renewal and revival.

ICE BREAKER



Who is someone who truly inspires you? What about them is inspiring? How does it impact you and change how you live your life?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Psalm 51:18-19 ESV

- ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Personal Renewal Inspires Communal Revival

Key Question: How does personal renewal inspire communal revival?

1. Personal confession pleads for communal renewal (v. 18)
2. Communal renewal enjoys God's delight (v. 19)

DISCUSSION



- Our culture promotes the idea that we are individuals and that the consequences of our lives, whether good or bad, are ours to experience alone. Where do you see this idea reinforced in our culture? What are examples you have witnessed or experienced where this might not be the case?
- David pleads with God to do good to his community (v. 18). What does this teach us about the role of community in personal confession and renewal?
- Psalm 51:19 teaches that communal renewal enjoys God's delight. What does it mean to enjoy God's delight? How have you seen that to be true in your relationships or in your life group?
- Read Hebrews 10:11-14. What is different about the sacrifice of Jesus compared to the sacrifices discussed in Psalm 51:19?
- Given the finished work of Christ, describe the freedom we have to approach God for personal and community renewal and revival. The role of prayer is part of the movement from personal renewal to communal renewal. How are we as a community pursuing prayer together, and what might be some ways we can lean into being a community marked by prayer?

LIFE APPLICATION



When we experience personal renewal from God it has the power to inspire revival across our entire community. Based on this truth, what next steps do we need to take as a group this week?

Dot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


