

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

For the week of 2-14-2021

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

### Quick Review

Look back over your sermon notes from this week's teaching. Discuss the message briefly. Was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

**\*Opener Question or Activity(related to the topic taught):** If you have ever had a car or bike or even yourself stuck in the mud, tell your story. How did you get out? Did you need help? Where was it?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Psalm 51

**Digging Deeper:** Read Psalm 32 together

(Review this weeks passage and discuss some deeper questions related to it)

1. It is possible David wrote this after reflecting upon his sin with Bathsheba (2Samuel 11) and in view of his life before confessing his sin. Discuss how David speaks about forgiveness, physical health, and God's favor here in vs. 1-7?
2. What verse in this chapter speaks most to you, personally, regarding this subject of forgiveness?
3. David says to avoid being like the mule or horse....so stubborn and "*without understanding*". Why is it so important to confess our sins and what results of unconfessed sin have you seen in your life and in society and our culture?
4. Would anyone want to describe what it is like to have times of refreshing come to you when your walk and relationship with God is right? When sin is confessed? When restoration has been applied?
5. Review vs 10-11. What is the hope these verses presented in these verses?

### Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?