

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

The Joy of Forgiveness

Psalm 32

PRAYER

Spend time praying together as a CG. See leader email for specific requests.

APPLY // PSALM 1

Consider practical ways to apply the text of Scripture. Think about implications at the individual and corporate level remembering God's word shapes our beliefs and our behaviors.

1. Read Psalm 1.
2. What's the overarching idea of this passage?
3. How does Psalm 1 encapsulate the message of the entire Psalter (and the entire Bible)?
4. What are some practical ways we're tempted to "walk in the counsel of the wicked, stand in the way of sinners, sit in the seat of scoffers"?
5. What are some ways we can remember the dangers of becoming increasingly comfortable with sin?
6. How does delighting in God's word show us a better way of life?
7. What counsel would you give to a person who knows they should delight in the God's word and they desire to delight in the word, but for whatever reason they are not doing so at the moment?
8. Share ways you meditate on the God's word "day and night." How does gospel community help you mediate on the word of God?
9. Share the ways having roots in God's word has brought stability during the midst of hard times. Share the ways God's word has amplified your joy during happy times.
10. Why is important to remember "the Lord knows the way of the righteous"?
 - a. Remember "know" means intimate, affectual, relational
 - b. Remember our righteousness is ultimately found in Christ

STUDY // PSLAM 32 (SERMON TEXT FOR FEBRUARY 10)

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

1. Read Psalm 32.
2. Notice the superscription. Who wrote this Psalm? How might knowing who the author is help us feel the weight of what is written?
3. What similarities and differences do you see between Psalm 32 and Psalm 1?

4. In verses 1-2, how many different words does David use for sin? Why does he use these words?
5. How many different words does David use to talk about how God deals with our sin in verse 1-2? How do these verses point us to Jesus?
6. What can we learn about God through understanding how he deals with the issue of sin in our life?
7. In verse 3, What does it mean “when I kept silent”? How does David describe the effects of unconfessed sin?
8. Notice the repetition of the word “my” in verse 5. Why is this word significant in confession and repentance?
9. What does it mean to “acknowledge my sin to you”? What does this not mean?
10. What’s the connection of “therefore” in verse 6 to the preceding verses?
11. Who is the godly in verse 6?
12. What does it mean to offer a prayer “at a time when you may be found”?
13. Why do you suppose so many terms of protection are employed in v.7 to describe the state of the forgiven person, such as “hiding place”, “preserver”, and “surround”?
14. Who is speaking in verses 8-9? What is the point of these verses? How do they fit into what’s already been said?
15. Notice the three-fold ending to be glad, rejoice, shout for joy. Why is this where David ends this Psalm?
16. General Bible study questions:
 - a. What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
 - b. What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
 - c. How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
 - d. How should I respond with my affections and my actions?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: How is your delight in Scripture as it points you to the Son, Jesus Christ?