

Sermon Discussion Questions for March 31, 2019

Scripture Passage: Psalm 32

Taking responsibility for our sin leads to forgiveness, blessing, and joy.

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
 2. In verses 1 and 2, what are the sources of blessing? Why do we find it hard to admit when we are wrong? Has there been a time when you confessed your sin and wrongdoing to God and still felt unresolved? Could this be due to having too many “buts” in your confession? “God, I know I should not have been passive-aggressive toward my co-worker, BUT.....” True forgiveness and blessing come with true repentance.
 3. Is there a difference in saying “I’m sorry” and truly asking for forgiveness? Is God fooled by our half-hearted confessions of sin that include blame shifting and vengeful motives? Jesus’ death on the cross paid for sin once and for all. How serious should we be about sin considering the sacrifice made for sin?
 4. In verses 3 and 4, what are the consequences of concealing and not owning up to our sin? Ever had a broken bone, like a broken rib? The bones are what support your ability to stand tall – without them, we would be a pile of mush! If you hold onto a secret sin, particularly as a believer, how does it impact you physically, emotionally, and spiritually?
 5. If we humbly confess our sins, how does God respond? See verse 5. What are benefits of prayer and confession? (see verses 1 and 2 again; also verses 6,7, and 10). Do you ever doubt God’s willingness to forgive you? Why? Also see 1 John 1:9-10.
- Remember to pray for each other’s unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.