

HomeGroup Discussion Guide

October 12-18, 2008

Key Idea of the Week:

It is a terrible thing to live with the shame of our pasts. One of the incredible things about salvation in Christ is that God completely forgives our sin and enables us to approach Him with confidence and without shame. It is wrong to dwell in guilt because we have been set free! How, then, do we live in this truth and not live in guilt any longer?

Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read Psalm 51:1-12.

Discuss

What words, phrases or images jump out at you as you read this passage? Why?

What does this passage have to say about sin? Work through verse by verse.

Do you think that God remembers our sin? Why or why not?

Have you struggled with guilt in your life? Why is it so hard to forgive yourself?

How do you think God feels when a believer in Christ still lives in guilt?

What is the 'joy of your salvation?' (vs.12) What practical things can you do right now to 'restore' it in your life?

Pray for any needs that arose during the discussion and for courage to act on what you've learned this week.