



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

Psalm 51: Songs of Summer

Re-read Psalm 51 and pray for the time together

1. Opening Reflection

Psalm 51 shows David's raw and honest prayer after being confronted with his sin. What words or phrases from the psalm—or from the sermon—stood out to you most, and why?

2. Relating to David's Confession

David doesn't name his specific sin but speaks in broader terms ("my iniquity," "my transgressions"). How does this invite us to make his prayer our own? Can you think of a time when you prayed in a similar way?

3. Our Attitude Toward Confession

The sermon described confession as a "gift" rather than a guilt-ridden duty. How do you currently feel about confession—eager, reluctant, or somewhere in between? What has shaped that attitude?

4. Avoiding Our Brokenness

We often distract ourselves from our own sin—through busyness, self-justification, or comparison with others. What are some ways you personally tend to avoid facing your brokenness?

5. From Guilt Relief to Heart Change

David didn't just ask God to take away his guilt; he prayed for a pure heart. How can we tell if we are only looking for relief from guilt versus truly seeking transformation?

6. Opening Ourselves to Transformation

If you were to pray sincerely, "Create in me a pure heart, O God," what specific areas of your desires, thoughts, or attitudes might you be inviting God to change right now?

7. Ending with Grace

The sermon reminded us, "You never hit the outer limits of His grace." How would your approach to confession and failure change if you really believed that?