

### **Message Study Guide**

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

#### **Warming up**

1. What is your favorite thing to do during the summer?

#### **Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Before we begin the Small Group Questions, share with the group 3-4 of David's accomplishments as King of Israel?
3. To understand the backstory of Psalm 51, please read 2 Samuel chapter 11 and 12 with your small groups. List at least four mistakes that you can identify from David's life?
4. According to Psalm 51:1-2, what was David's plea when approaching God?
5. According to Psalm 51:3, David requested God to wash him inside and out, why was this important to David?
6. Although David sinned throughout 2 Samuel 11-12, why does David say in Psalm 51:4 " I have sinned against You, and You only."?
7. Can you identify with King David? Can you share a situation where you compounded recurring mistakes and decided to withdraw from God because of them? (Share only if comfortable).
8. Please read all of Psalm 51:7.
  - a. Why does David use the word hyssop?
  - b. How was it used in the book of Leviticus?
  - c. How did David apply it to the state of his remorse?
9. In Psalm 51:10, why did David request a brand new heart rather than a healed heart?
10. What is your prayer to God today?
11. Pray for each other.

### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.  
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Sin is willful, deliberate and many times, premeditated.
- **Repent** (noun) - To feel and express sincere regret or remorse about one's wrongdoing or sin.
- Be quick to ask for forgiveness and quick to give forgive others
- "Whenever God restores something, He restores it to a place greater than it was before." Bill Johnson
- "The work of restoration cannot begin until a problem is fully faced." Dan Allender
- Acknowledge your sin and ask God to forgive you.
- Pray - God I repent, please forgive me of my sins, I need you back in my life