

Everyday Life: Brokenness & Intimacy with God



Big Idea Goal

That Mercy Hill Church would be made new as we follow the One who is making all things new!



Sermon Text

Psalm 51:10-19



Big Idea

We have been given the gift of life and the greatest opportunity, which is union with the Triune God. Repentance is the doorway and path we continually walk to accept this invitation. With each occasion of our sin, we are invited into deeper intimacy with the Triune God.

A Cry for Deliverance (vs 10-13)

While the first 9 verses deal with confession and repentance, verse 10 marks a shift. David, understanding that Sin is serious and deadly, seeks not just repentance but deliverance and restoration. What David ultimately longs for is restored fellowship with God, and that can only happen through deliverance and inward restoration - not behavior modification. We are set free to be a light unto others, pointing them to the Father. Part of the opportunity our sins present is the possibility of testifying to the gracious mercy of God

The Weight of Sin (vs 14-15)

Sin has a weight to it, an enormity that has a tendency to push us down. And in that state, we are tempted to flee from God. We can see ourselves as not deserving of God...and that is true. However, I pray you to see that even this is an opportunity to press into God, to throw yourself at the Cross. What we have that David didn't have is the Cross!

True Repentance (vs 16-19)

Repentance is first a turning towards God before it is turning away from other things. It is in the process of turning towards God that other things lose their allure. Confronting the heart of behind our sins is where true repentance begins. Without the right heart, the sacrifice and offerings mean next to nothing. God takes no pleasure in an act where the heart behind it is wrong. A commentator puts it like this "the sacrifice that God demands is a sacrifice of man's self will and self importance; in other words, it is the surrender of man's own self to God"

An Invitation

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Homework

- Practice setting aside time to reflect upon the patterns of sins in your life. (You could take one of the 7 capital vices or one of the fruit of the Spirit, and reflect on how often it shows up in your life or it's lack thereof. Or you might reflect on a particular season of your life, and see how sin shows up)
- Practice feasting on the sacrificial love of Christ and the opportunity of union with Christ
- Read and meditate on the following scriptures noting the themes of union with God
John 15, John 17:20-26
We are in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17; John 15:4, 5, 7; 1 Cor. 15:22; 2 Cor. 12:2; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 1:4, 2:10; Phil. 3:9; 1 Thess. 4:16; 1 John 4:13).
Christ is in us (Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27; Rom. 8:10; 2 Cor. 13:5; Eph. 3:17).
- Meditate on Love 3 by George Herbert.