

Small Group Resources 5th March 2017

Theme & Passage(s)	Enter Theme: Sin, confession, full forgiveness & the Christian life! Enter Passage(s): Psalm 32
Welcome	Why not mind map the Beattitudes? Or Psalm 32! Here's an example - https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=mind+map&espv=2&biw=1390&bih=703&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKewj4usnm6L_SAhVJAsAKHTOpAjcQ_AUIBigB#tbm=isch&q=mind+map+beattitudes*&imgsrc=SE2SitsCeTF59M : - but why not try and create your own mind map!
Worship	Psalms and songs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xuMSm7XFq1U - Arms Wide Open (Tim Hughes) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKWMu1rT4z4 - Beneath the Cross of Jesus https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gg_a4sQGLU - I have a confession to make (David Bowden) Worship Ideas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Perhaps undertake a Lectio Divina using Psalm 32 Perhaps use Psalm 32 as a pattern for sharing communion together.
Word/ Read & Reflect	Begin in silence, welcoming the Holy Spirit to guide you. Read the passage(s) and then be silent. Read again. Be silent once more, attentive to the Spirit. Share out of this experience... If time, consider some of the following questions... <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It's easier to find the spec of dust in someone else's eye rather than seeing & confessing to the plank in our eye. Why might this be? It's not so easy to see the ways in which a church community might 'miss the mark' (sin). Why is this? Where might a church community 'miss the mark'? The Fullness of the forgiveness that we find described in Psalm 32 is astonishing. In what ways does Psalm 32 point towards the Parable prodigal Son? How might we avoid being like a horse in need of a bit and bridle? (Think practically!) What do we need to do to be formed into people who trust more fully in the Lord? Some structure we find in the Psalm that might help in preparation: V.1-2 Describes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Totality of our Sin - Transgressions + Sins + Iniquity The Fullness of our forgiveness - Forgiven + Covered + Carried away V.5. Describes how full forgiveness is available to us <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledge our sin + Not covering up our sin (hiding) + Confessing our sin. V.7-8 Describes the form the Godly (flourishing) life should/can take <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hiding in God/protection by God + Instruction from God + Counsel from God.
Working it out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Find someone who is mature in the Christian faith who might be able to give you instruction or counsel in the ways of God. Why not ask if they might commit to a short period of instruction or counsel perhaps using a study guide or Christian book to help you. Is there someone who you've been unable to forgive? Should you seek forgiveness for them and from them? Ask someone mature in the Christian faith to help you do this. As a response to God's forgiveness why not as a whole group join us on Monday 13th March when we'll be gathering for prayer & praise as a church. 7.30pm at Church.
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