

## SERMON NOTES

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13, Year \* August 1, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a \* Psalm 51 \* Ephesians 4:1-16 \* John 6:24-35

### Sin: The Results and Solution

Last week: **Sin: The Math**, starring David and Bathsheba.

God loves us too much to let us get away with sin.

**The Results:** Sin never H\_\_\_\_\_. It always H\_\_\_\_\_ someone. It G\_\_\_\_\_.

"If we confess our sins to God, he is faithful and just, and forgives our sin and cleanses us from all unrighteousness" 1 John 1:9

The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart; the devout are taken away, and no one understands the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death. Isaiah 57:1-2

### **The Solution:** Psalm 51:

Verses 1-7: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion, blot out my offenses... for I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

✦ C\_\_\_\_\_ and O\_\_\_\_\_ the guilt,

Verses 8-13: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

✦ Ask God to F\_\_\_\_\_ and C\_\_\_\_\_ us. "Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me" Psalm 51: 11

Verses 14-20: "I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you... Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise."

✦ R\_\_\_\_\_ (C\_\_\_\_\_ our behavior) and T\_\_\_\_\_ to do better next time.

Jesus' response: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:35

### Next Week's Lessons

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 \* Psalm 130 \* Ephesians 4:25-5:2 \*  
John 6:35, 41-51

## Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. Sin never helps. It always hurts someone. Tell about a time you got hurt because of something inappropriate that someone else did.
2. Tell about a time someone else got hurt because of something inappropriate you did.
3. Part of the solution for sin is repentance: changing your behavior. What is something selfish you used to do, but you have repented from it and don't do it anymore?
4. As we change our behavior, God "creates in us a clean heart." How is your heart "cleaner" now that it was in your past?
5. PRAY:
  - ✦ Thanking God for his grace, mercy, and forgiveness.
  - ✦ Confessing anything inappropriate in your life that God brings to mind.
  - ✦ For God to create in you a clean heart and renew a right spirit within you.
  - ✦ For any needs in your group.