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LEADER LESSON

PSALM 51:1-3 , 9-10

LEADER TEACHING TIP

If students are on their phones, you can pretty much guarantee they are distracted and *not* listening to the lesson. Designate a place in your room and have every student put their phone in this designated place... do *not* make this a suggestion, make it an expectation.

INTRODUCTION (15 MINUTES)

Pray

Open your time together in prayer.

Checkpoint

Did you have a chance to review your list of lies and truth verses since our last small group? Which 1-2 truths did you focus on to counter the lies? Have you been speaking them out loud?

Video

To view the engage video, please see the instructions stored on the back of the TV in your room. [has context menu.](#)

READ PSALM 51:1-3, 9-10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (30 minutes)

Observation, Interpretation, and Application

1. What is David asking God for in verse 1?
God's mercy for his sins.
2. Why is confessing your sins important?
Confessing is admitting your sin before God. Before God's forgiveness can be received, the need for forgiveness must be acknowledged.
3. What makes you hesitate to confess your sins to God or others?
4. What is David asking God to do in verse 9?
To no longer see his sin.
5. Why is David asking God for a new heart and spirit in verse 10?
David knows he can't change on his own. He needs God's help for a deeper change, not just forgiveness.
6. When you ask for forgiveness, do you also ask God to change your heart, or just to forgive you?
7. Is there a sin you haven't confessed? How might your life change if you confessed it?

Checkpoint Challenge

Those who have sin that they are unwilling to change: Spend time with God this week, confess your sins, and ask for His forgiveness. Pray for a heart that wants to live obediently to Him.

Those who are saved but have not shared their testimony: Practice your testimony this week. Ask God to show you someone who needs to hear it and share it with them next week.

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA/SUGGESTION (10 minutes)

Go around the circle & everyone shares a praise & a prayer request... the person on your right will pray over your prayer request.

DIVE DEEPER (RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO DIVE DEEPER AFTER TONIGHT)

Cross References

Confession

1 John 1:9

Proverbs 28:13

James 5:16

New Creation

2 Corinthians 5:17

Ezekiel 36:26