

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR Psalm 51
For the Sermon of July 27, 2008

- 1. Read 2 Samuel 11: 2-5, 14-17, 2 Samuel 12:7-9, 13-14. What insights do you glean as to the depth of King David's failure?**

When we come to God in our brokenness, in our failure, there are differences in the way we approach God depending on the severity of our sin. This is clearly a massive failure on David's part; murder, adultery, deceit, lying.

- 2. When you read the entire Psalm 51, what do you learn about the severity of David's brokenness? What is his posture after this sin?**
- 3. What does it mean to you to have mercy on someone? Are you a merciful person? Is it possible for God to not have mercy?**
- 4. What makes this Psalm so moving? What does that tell us about the way we are to come to God in our brokenness?**
- 5. What do you think David meant in vs. 5? Was he conceived in sin? Was he really sinful at birth? How do you understand this verse?**
- 6. What is your normal way of dealing with your sin? What can you learn from this Psalm about repentance? About God? About what a transparent relationship with the Father could/should look like?**
- 7. Any insights on why God loved David so much...even in his failure?**