

Lent Worship and Prayer

Big Idea:

We all need salvation.

GROUP OPENER

Share a time you spent in preparation for a big event. It could be a wedding, the birth of a child, a vacation. What were some of the preparations you made?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read <u>Psalm 51</u> Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

ACTION STEPS

I will statement . . .

Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will __________". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share it with the group.

February 18 WEEKEND

As a Group

Lent is a season where Christians prepare themselves for the death and resurrection of lesus.

Do you find it difficult to look at your own brokenness?

Where do you see brokenness in Psalm 51?

Most people strive and seek to "arrive" in life yet never feel like they can achieve it.

How can continual striving to arrive hang us up?

How does this striving serve to push us forward?

We all need salvation. We are not able to save ourselves, to redeem ourselves, or to pay off the debt of sin we owe.

How do you see these three truths working together?

- 1. We are all broken.
- 2. We have not arrived.
- 3. We all need salvation.

Pray for some time to help prepare your perspective during this Lent season.