

# 13. The Blessing of Forgiveness (Psalm 32)

## Connect

- What are you thankful for today?
- How have you seen God working in your life this past week?
- What difficulties are you experiencing in life? How may we help?
- How did you apply last session's discovery? What happened?
- With whom did you share last session's discovery with? What was their response?

## Instructions:

Please use the following steps to guide your discovery of God's truth in the passages below. Need to review the [Group Guidelines](#)?

## Discover

**Step 1**-Participants take turns reading sections of the passage (clarify new words/terms)

**Step 2**-One person reads the entire passage out loud while the rest listen

**Step 3**-A participant retells the passage in their own words (others add their thoughts)

## The Blessing of Forgiveness (Psalm 32)

**1** Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! **2** Yes, what joy for those whose record the lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! **3** When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. **4** Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. **5** Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, “I will confess my rebellion to the lord.” And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. **6** Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment. **7** For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory. **8** The lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. **9** Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control.” **10** Many sorrows come to the wicked, but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the lord. **11** So rejoice in the lord and be glad, all you who obey him! Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!

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**Ask/Answer:**

- What does this passage mean?
- What do you like/not like about this passage?
- How does this passage change the way you see God/people?

## **Respond: If this is true...**

- How should it change the way you live?
- With whom will you share today's discovery?