

Strong Tower Bible Study

Agenda

Lesson #18

Time 6:00pm -7:30pm

Topic: The Joy of Forgiveness

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Scripture text: Psalm 32:1-11

1 Blessed is the one

whose transgressions are forgiven,

whose sins are covered.

2 Blessed is the one

whose sin the Lord does not count against them

and in whose spirit is no deceit.

3 When I kept silent,

my bones wasted away

through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night

your hand was heavy on me;

my strength was sapped

as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the Lord."

And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.

6 Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.

7 You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

9 Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.

10 Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the Lord's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.

11 Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Things to know:

- Followers of Christ experience Joy
- There is mercy for those who confess their sin-Proverbs 28:13
- Forgiveness is God's gift to His children through Jesus Christ
- There is healing through sharing-James 5:16
- Forgiveness is not earned
- We are free from burden through forgiveness in Christ
- Forgiveness of sin is given to those who confess-1 John1:9
- Children of God are called to forgive others as Christ forgave them

Discussion Questions

1. Do you feel like forgiving others is an excuse for their behavior?
2. What is the benefit of being forgiven? Vs 1
3. What are the forgiven called? Vs 2
4. What does it feel like to conceal your sin? Vs 3-4
5. How can we break the bondage of sin in our lives? Vs 5
6. Why is confession "good for the soul" what are some benefits? Vs 6-7
7. What is the assurance and the warning God is giving to David? V8-9

8. What are some differences between the wicked and righteous? Vs 10
How are the righteous to respond? Vs 11

Faith in Action:

- Trust the process all week
- Walk in Peace at Home, Work, and in the community
- Set your alarm to pray at 12:00 noon daily
- Share your faith with three new people
- Invite someone to Bible Study

Challenge of the Week:

Confess your sins to God every time the Holy Spirit convicts you. Don't ignore it or let it slide.

Confess your sin and ask for forgiveness, (***If you knowingly hurt someone or it's disclosed to you***). Accept their forgiveness. If they choose not to forgive you, pray for their heart. Let go and receive their forgiveness if they come back to ask for it.

Scripture Application:

James 5:16-Is the Bible telling you to broadcast your business to everyone?

Acts 3:19-What is the instruction? And What is the benefit?

Romans 3:23-24-Is any man perfect? How are we made righteous? Can we earn it?

Closing Prayer

