

IMPACT GROUPS

Week #4: Apr. 30 - May 3, 2019

"The Jesus Trip"

Sermon Date: Apr. 27/28, 2019

Link to sermon:

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Ice Breaker:

What biblical character do you most identify with and why?

Psalm 51: *"Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there. Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me—now let me rejoice. Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you. Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you. You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God. Look with favor on Zion and help her; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will be pleased with sacrifices offered in the right spirit— with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings. Then bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar."*

Link to weekly reading guide:

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/the-jesus-trip/>

Discussion Questions

1. David's name means 'beloved, loved one.' Why do you think God chose David to be king over his brothers? What made David stand out? What revelation did David carry that is so important for us to have too?
2. David came at Goliath with great jealousy for the name of the Lord. What's in a name? Why was he zealous for God's name, how did he manifest that jealousy, and what would that look like for us?
3. What do we learn about honour from David's life? Discuss his relationship with Saul.
4. 1 Samuel 30:6 "...*But David found strength in the Lord his God.*" What does it mean to find strength in the Lord your God? Share a time when you needed to do this and how you strengthened yourself in the Lord. What did you do and how can we do this?
5. Look at Psalms 51 and discuss what you see in this Psalm that shows us that David was able to put a demand on the heart of God in a way that was well outside the revelation of his day.
6. David had a great revelation of God's mercy and he did many great things. David also had some rather significant flaws. How do we know this? How and why did David fall? How did David experience and manifest restoration? (See Psalms 101:2)
7. Despite all of David's flaws and hangups what promise did God give to David (2 Sam. 7:16)? How was this fulfilled (Acts 2:29-30)?
8. Have you ever experienced betrayal? Where do we see episodes of betrayal in David's life? How did Jesus experience betrayal? (1 Cor. 11:23). What is a healthy, godly response to betrayal? What do we learn from Ahithophel about not dealing with it correctly? Take some time to pray about betrayal if it is a present experience for you.

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