I Midweek Bible Study

August 4, 2021- Psalm 32--- Honest Confession

Introduction/ Background:

Which Bible characters do you relate to the very most and why?

Psalm 32:1

Meaning of blessed... the idea here is "fully satisfied". What are our best and worst days on this earth?

What/ who can give long term satisfaction? Isaiah 55:1-3

Look at the last part of Verse 1... sin is covered... How is it covered? 1 Peter 1: 18-19

Psalm 32:2

Counting iniquity... Wait, are we keeping score? What does the scoreboard really say? Romans 2:5 Psalm 130:3

Oh, the weight of our sin!!! My iniquity placed on Jesus... He was crushed for my iniquity. Col. 2:13-15

Last part of **Verse 2**: in whose spirit there is no deceit... who were we lying to? Why are we hiding?

Verses 3-4 Some consequences of sin... What happens if you don't come clean and admit to it? What are the stakes... if we don't confess and are all consumed with self-preservation? Mark 8:35-37

Verse 5 And can it be? A holy God who forgives all our guilt and shame? The joy and refreshment which comes with coming clean and repentance...

Skeptical??? Well... let's look to other examples in the Bible. Luke 18: 9-10, Luke 15, Acts 3:20 Do you know the refreshment that comes from forgiveness? "There is a fountain filled with blood..."

Verse 6 It's go time. Is there an expiration date? Romans 1:24, Romans 2:6-8 Is. 55:6-7

Application:

Verse 11 A Psalm 32 man should be the happiest man on the face of the planet... Christ did for me what I could not do for myself... He took care of my greatest needs. Halleluiah, what a Savior! **Verse 8** Renewed obedience... the one who heard our cries for deliverance and rescued us... promises to "instruct, teach and counsel us". Walk closely with the God you love! Jer. 31:9

Cultivating hearts that are quick to confess: GCC attendance, honest prayer (Psalm 139:23-24), Soft hearted Bible reading, Lord's supper...

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Cultivating homes and churches which lead to Psalm 32 confession...

Since there is a Holy, and righteous God who is willing and able to extend this lavish and notorious grace, then shouldn't we?

Who are the best at getting confessions? Angry cops, angry dads, angry preachers?

INCONCEIVABLE... how could you?

Example - Pretty close to home: I know son, that you are going to blow it. I know this because I know myself... welcome to my world. Guess what buddy? Jesus came to this earth to save guys like us.

Example of Captain Miller- He loves his guys... willing to get into the trenches with them... willing to bleed with them... willing to get messy with them. Quote from Private Ryan... "You can tell her that when you found me, I was with the only brothers I had left."

Gentle restoration... Galatian's 6:1

Conclusion... keep pointing broken and busted up people to the Savior.

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

