

## God's Great Leaders – Servants, Slaves

### Session 2 – Leadership Prayers: David's Prayer of Confession and Psalm of Forgiveness Psalm 51; Psalm 32

1. Why did David feel guilty? 2 Samuel 11,12

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2. Since we were forgiven when we became Christians, why would we feel guilty today?  
Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8

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3. How many times do we need to ask God to forgive us of a particular sin? Count the petitions in Psalm 51 where David confesses his sin and asks God to remove it.

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4. After a child of God has sinned, how are repentance, confession, forgiveness, joy, praise, and sacrifice (obedience) connected? Psalm 51:10-19; 1 John 1:5-2:6

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5. When David prayed his prayer of confession, how did God answer Him? Psalm 32

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6. What are the connections between forgiveness, confession, prayer, protection, and deliverance? Psalm 32:3-7; 1 John 1:5-2:2

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7. How has God promised to answer our prayers? 1 John 5:14,15

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8. Select one or more in your group to lead as you pray for forgiveness and continual cleansing from a forgiving and holy God. Continue to ask as much and as often as you need. Thank God for Jesus and His blood that cleanses us and the peace, boldness, and joy that comes from the answer to that prayer.

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### Session 2 – Leadership Projects

You are an elder in a congregation where one of your fellow elders has an unmarried daughter pregnant by her fiancé. After their sin was discovered, their parents worked to save them, considering first the salvation of their souls. By wise counsel they brought them to repentance and proper confession was made to the congregation. God forgave them. What would you advise the fellow elder to do? Resign? On what basis? Did he not show his strength as a father and a leader in bringing his daughter and her fiancé to repentance? Or did he show his weakness in not training his daughter better? Or what? How would you like to see the problem treated?

1. What are at least three ways to deal with this?

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2. What action will be taken?

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3. Who will be responsible for seeing it carried out?

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4. When will it be done?

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5. How will we communicate this to the group we lead?

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6. How will we answer questions about this issue?

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## Session 2 – Leadership Problems and Possibilities

1. What are some practical ways we can evaluate and communicate qualifications at the time of selection?

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2. How does Matthew 18:15-17 apply to the process of leadership selection?

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3. What do you think of asking for response of those who approve of the men being considered as well as comments from those who object?

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4. Should we be surprised if leaders continue to get mostly criticism after they begin serving if that is what we requested during the time of selection? Matthew 7:7.8

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### Session 2 – Leadership Mustard Seeds

1. What did you learn about God?

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2. What did you learn about prayer?

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3. What did you learn about group interaction?

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4. What did you learn about leadership?

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5. What did you learn about yourself?

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