

Sermon: The Blessing of Forgiveness.
Series: *The Blessed Life.*

Scripture: Psalm 32.
Date: July 12, 2026

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Psalm 32:1-2 uses three different words to describe our sinfulness: transgression (law-breaking), sin (falling short), iniquity (distorted thinking). How do you relate to these three different words? How do these different words help you to understand your own personal sin?
- b) Can you identify the primary way that you try to cover up/hide your own sin?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) In verses 1 and 2, David uses terms like "forgiven," "covered," and "counts no iniquity" to describe God's response to sin. What do these words teach us about the fullness of God's forgiveness? Do you struggle to see yourself as this fully forgiven? Why or why not?
- b) In verse 4, David says that God's hand was heavy upon him. Have you ever felt this gracious discipline of God when you've been caught up in unconfessed sin?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) In Romans 4:7-8, Paul quotes David's Psalm. What does it mean for God to "never count" or "not impute" sin against us? How does this truth change our identity and thus our life's trajectory?
- b) Read Hebrews 9:22-28. Can you answer the following: 1) How did Christ's death bring about our eternal and complete forgiveness? 2) Why does our confession of sin NOT increase our forgiveness in Christ? 3) If this is true then why do we still confess our sin (remember, to confess is to agree with God)? 4) In what ways does pleading for forgiveness actually keep us from putting our sin to death?

APPLICATION

- a) Read verse 11. Are you enjoying your forgiveness? You cleared record with God? Your clear conscience? God's steadfast love for you? Christ's imputed righteousness? Which of these stands out to you as something that you are finding joy in today?
- b) Is there anyone you are still struggling to forgive? How can these truths of your own total forgiveness help you to move closer to forgiving others?

PRAYER

- Praise God for his total forgiveness of all your sin.
- Confess ways you have tried to hide or cover up your own sins over the years.
- Thank Jesus for his propitiating sacrifice that removes all sin and credits his righteousness to us.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to live in honest confession while also keeping your focus on Christ.