

# PSALMS DISCUSSION GUIDE

JUNE 28 / PSALM 51

Read through Psalm 51 again. After today's sermon, what words and phrases stand out? Why?

How does **sin make us unclean**?

Why is the metaphor of unclean and clean appropriate for helping us understand our hearts?

Why is it important to be honest with ourselves and with God about the seriousness of our sin?

What does it mean that **only God can clean us**?

What are some ways that you try to make yourself clean instead of asking God to forgive you?

Psalm 51 is a penitential Psalm. You read another penitential Psalm, Psalm 38, in your readings this week. What similarities do you notice between Psalms 38 and 51?

