

SERMON MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY 2/3, 2019

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PILGRIM

Walk in Step

Psalm 32 (p. 478)

Progress on our spiritual journey happens when we walk _____ with the
_____ of the _____. (John 8:31-32)

In confession we _____ with God about what He _____
to be _____. (Psalm 32:5; 1 John 1:9; Isaiah 59:2)

How do I get in step with God about my sin?

1. I agree to _____ my sin. (Psalm 32:5; 139:23-24)
2. I agree to _____ the _____ of my sin. (Psalm 32:5; 51:17)
3. I agree to _____ my sin. (Psalm 32:6; Ephesians 5:11-13)
4. I agree that _____ my sin. (Psalm 32:1; 1 John 1:9)

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FROM FEBRUARY 2/3, 2019 SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUPS

Personal preparation: Read the passage, review your outline, and think through the questions. With your group, watch the video blog together.

CONNECTING

1. Have you ever done a cleanse? What kind? Why did you do it? What did you discover as you went through it?

GROWING

2. Why is confession such an important part of the Christian life? What happens in the life of a Christian when confession isn't really there?
3. What tends to make you *not want to* confess your sins to God? What tends to make you *want to* confess your sins to God?
4. Review the first three ways we get in step with God about our sin. Which of these is an area where you would say you need the most work right now? Why? What can you do to grow more this week?

SHARING

5. How can your group pray for you this week?

Pilgrim Week 5 Memory Verse

"Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, 'I will confess my rebellion to the LORD.' And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone."

Psalm 32:5 (NLT)

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(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)

Progress on our spiritual journey happens when we walk **in step** with the **truth** of the **gospel**. (John 8:31-32)

"If you continue in My Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:31-32

In confession we **agree** with God about what He **already knows** to be **true**. (Psalm 32:5; 1 John 1:9; Isaiah 59:2)

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

"I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD and You forgave the guilt of my sin.'" Psalm 32:5

"But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear." Isaiah 59:2

"The Christian way, essentially consists in acknowledging ourselves to be sinners and in praying for grace." Martin Luther

How do I get in step with God about my sin?

1. I agree to **investigate** my sin. (Psalm 32:5; 139:23-24)

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way." Psalm 139:23-24

2. I agree to **own** the **guilt** of my sin. (Psalm 32:5; 51:17)

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise." Psalm 51:17

3. I agree to **expose** my sin. (Psalm 32:6; Ephesians 5:11-13)

"Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him." Psalm 32:6 (NLT)

"Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light." Ephesians 5:11-13

4. I agree that **Jesus covered** my sin. (Psalm 32:1; 1 John 1:9)

"How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered!" Psalm 32:1