

## P2 (Prayer & Praise)

1. God, we praise you because you are gracious, merciful and forgiving.
2. Thank you, God, for providing forgiveness by grace, through faith in Jesus.
3. Father, help us to walk in repentance and faith as you reveal more sin in our lives.
4. Group prayer requests (Pray for previous meeting requests and list new ones below).



#4 – A Prayer of Confessions  
Psalm 32

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The blessing of forgiven sin.

The curse of unforgiven sin.

The process of confession.

The contrast of two paths.

Chili Fest is an FBC family gathering of Thanksgiving and potluck chili dinner on **Sunday, November 17**. Sign up to bring food online.



Help us make our guests feel welcome this Christmas season! We have many ways you can help out, sign up online.





# Growth Group Preparation Questions

For the week of November 3, 2019

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in the Word, and growing in relationships.

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## CONNECT

1. What's a sin you thought you got away with but later discovered your parents knew about? -OR- What sin did you get away with but later confessed to your parents?
2. What led you to accept Jesus' forgiveness? How was it presented to you? What attracted you?

**Pray:** Father, thank you for your forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Help us to remember the value of confession and forgiveness.

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## W2

1. Reflect on this week's sermon. Was anything particularly impactful for you?
2. Sunday we had a more intentional time of confession with communion. How did that impact your communion experience?
3. Describe forgiveness.
  - a. Read Matt. 18:21-22. How are you at forgiving others?
  - b. What are you holding onto that you need to forgive?
  - c. How would that impact your relationship with Jesus? Others? Yourself?
4. Read James 5:16. Is it harder to confess your sin to God or people?
  - a. Why are we afraid of other people knowing our sin?
  - b. What does that reveal about our belief in the Gospel?

c. What idols does that reveal?

5. Read Psalm 51:10-12. Talk about a time when confessing sin led to a renewed joy in the Gospel for you.
  - a. Recall Psalm 32:3. How does refusing to confess your sin limit your joy?
  - b. Are there hidden sins in your life you'd like to confess to your group?
6. To help us walk in forgiveness, read Psalm 51 and take some time to go through this process from *The Gospel Centered Life* on your own.
  - a. Identify some "surface" sins in your life. (gossip, lust, temper, etc.)
  - b. Previously, Shawn listed acceptance, control, comfort and power as common roots of our sin. What might be at the root of the sin you just listed?
  - c. Take some time to repent of the surface sin AND, more importantly, the root beneath.
  - d. Worship Jesus for the overcoming power of the cross, and His defeat of your root sin.
  - e. Find some promises through Scripture that will help you destroy the root sins in your heart.

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## S2

1. Do you need to be an example of the Gospel by asking forgiveness of someone in your life? How might that open up a Gospel opportunity?
2. How might your personal story of receiving forgiveness move someone near you closer to Jesus?