

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Sermon Series: Honest to God- Psalms for These Times

Title: "Honest to God About God's Guidance"

Text: Psalm 32

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BIG IDEA: Guilt has been called "a prison for the soul," but through God's grace our confession and repentance releases us to live in the relief of freedom.

- 1) The **blessed relief** of forgiveness. (v. 1-2)
- 2) The bitter reality of unconfessed sin. (v. 3-4)
- 3) The practical priority of God's place in my forgiveness: (v. 6-11)
 - God's forgiveness is revealed in His **protection**. (v. 6-7)
 - God's forgiveness is revealed in His **instruction**. (v. 8-10)
 - God's forgiveness is revealed in His **joy**. (v. 11)

We have a Holy God of mercy who prefers to be in the human **reclamation** business rather than the human **condemnation** business.

Personal Study/Application Questions:

- 1) Isaiah 43:25 is just one of many verses that declares our God to be a forgiving God. Yet modern Christian culture can often be more dismissive of sin and forgiveness than previous generations. How can you maintain a high view of God's incredible grace?
- 2) What godly attitudes could I build that might help me defend against temptation to use words that "spin" and "excuse" my sin rather than seek to quickly confess and repent?
- 3) Recall some personal examples of times when God's forgiveness has protected you, instructed you, and given you joy.
- 4) Find some other Biblical passages that remind you how God's grace helps identify our Lord as finding joy in the "human reclamation" business. (Hint: It is also referred to the gospel in the Bible.)

