

WRITE IT DOWN!

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I. The Lord _____ those who ask for forgiveness.

How does the Lord bless us?

1. By removing the _____ of our sin. (1-2, 5)
2. By relieving the _____ of our resistance. (3-4)
3. By replacing our _____ with celebration. (11)

II. The Lord _____ those who ask for forgiveness.

1. How does the Lord protect us?
 - God protects us by _____ (6)
 - God protects us by _____. (10)
2. When does the Lord protect us?
 - God protects us _____. (6-7)

III. The Lord _____ those who ask for forgiveness.

1. The Lord guides to give us _____ (8a,9)
2. The Lord guides by His _____. (8b)

THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read Psalm 32. What is the tone of this Psalm of David? What's David's concern here (is it for himself, or others; what does he want us to learn)?
2. Read the account of David and Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11-12 which provides the background context of Ps 32. How does this background story fill out the details of David's struggle in Ps 32? What is David's warning here?
3. In verses 1-2 there are three words for sin and three words that describe what God does with sin when we confess it. What are these words and what do these verses teach us about God's grace? (Hint: check out Romans 4:1-8, too!)
4. What do verses 4-5 tell us about the effects of unconfessed sin in our lives? What does David takeaway from his experience in Verse 6?
5. How does this Psalm lead us to and point us to Christ?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What did you like about this text and message? What moved you? What challenged you?
2. If we know we should confess our sin to the Lord, what hindrances keep us from actually doing it? Why is it so hard at times?
3. According to Ps 32, how does God bless (make happy!) those who confess their sin to God? List 3 ways that could help you more readily confess sin to the Lord now or in the future. What reassurance does that give us?
4. What does God's protection of confessing sinners teach us about God's character? What does it tell us about how He sees us? What does it tell us about ourselves?
5. How does the Lord's guidance assure us, not only about past sin, but about future temptation? What are steps you can take in your life this week to either confess sin or avoid temptation?