

## Sermon Series: The Great Power of God


# The God Who Makes New | Psalm 51


Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### OVERVIEW

Psalm 51 is David's heartfelt prayer of confession after his sin, crying out for God's mercy, cleansing, and renewal. It reveals the depth of human sinfulness and the transforming grace of God who desires a humble, contrite heart.

### OHANA TIME!

 **Icebreaker:** If you could create a new holiday, what would it celebrate and how would people observe it? **Or** Would you rather time travel to the past or the future (and why)?

 **Activity:** Invite a friend to your Ohana group!

### PRAYER

**Pray:** "Lord, create in us clean hearts and renew steadfast spirits within us, that we may walk in the joy of Your forgiveness."

### BIBLE: READ PSALM 51

1. What do you notice about the tone and emotion of David's prayer in Psalm 51?
2. Which words or phrases are repeated in this psalm, and why might that be important?
3. How does David describe his sin (vv. 1–5)? What images or language does he use?
4. How does David describe sin effects on his relationship with God?
5. What requests does David make of God in this psalm? List them and notice their progression.
6. What do we learn about God's character from this psalm?
7. Why do you think David asks not just for forgiveness, but also for renewal of his heart and spirit (vv. 10–12)?
8. Why does David emphasize that God desires "a broken and contrite heart" rather than sacrifice (vv. 16–17)? How does this shape our understanding of true worship?
9. How might this psalm point us forward to Christ and the gospel?

### APPLICATION

1. David is brutally honest about his sin. When you confess sin to God, do you tend to hide, excuse, or fully name it? What might change in your prayer life if you began confessing with the same transparency as David?
2. David prays, "*Create in me a clean heart, O God*" (v. 10). What areas of your life most need that kind of cleansing today? How can you make space in your week for God's Spirit to renew your thoughts, desires, and motivations?
3. David's personal repentance has ripple effects on Israel (vv. 18–19). How might your repentance and restoration with God affect your family, your church, or your community?

