

Psalm 51:1-19
Beyond Forgiveness — Motivation to Build a Kingdom
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1. Local churches generally do not survive past 100 years.
2. Psalm 51 concerns something beyond forgiveness — motivation to build God's kingdom through making disciples (cf. 2 Cor.5:20; Acts 1:8; Matt.28:19).

The Matter Beyond Forgiveness

1. 2 Sam. 12:13, David's response to confrontation about his sin.
2. David's desire for more than forgiveness (vss.1, 2, 6, 10, 13, 15, 18).
3. God's concern is more than forgiveness (cf. Matt. 1:21; Luke 19:10).
4. Many times we wrongly substitute forgiveness and faithfulness for evangelism.

The Motivation Beyond Forgiveness

1. What doesn't motivate to forgiveness?
2. Not the condition of mankind in sin (vss.4,5).
3. Not the content of the gospel (vss.1-3).
4. Not the command to witness (vs.13).
5. The character of God in us (vs.17).

The Means To Getting Beyond Forgiveness

1. Seek a suffering God (vss.1-6,14). Consider the example of Paul (Phil.3:10).
2. Seek a sovereign God (vss.7-13). If God does not do his work within us there is no hope.
3. Seek a smiling God (vss.9, 11, 14-17).
4. Seek a saving God (vss. 13, 18-19).