

**“Restoration ”**  
**A Personal or Small Group Experience**

Restoration as has become a very powerful word for me on a daily somewhat minute by minute basis. It is powerful for me especially in the context of relationships and my relationship with God. For a long time I have had this foundational confidence in my relationship with God and my status as His child. What I have not always enjoyed is the benefits of that “status” on a day by day, minute by minute basis. The reality is that constantly and consistently I need to “be restored” in my relationship with Jesus for me to experience the fresh edge of dynamic life with God. It is not at all like I question my eternal salvation every day—but I do very easily start living with far more anxiety, worry, pressure and far less joy, energy and love than God envisions for me. That is why the prayer written at the bottom of the message notes this week has become so important for me! Perhaps it will be helpful to you as well.

In our study this week we are going to engage in one of the great “restoration” stories of the bible. This story is real and raw. It shows the power of restoration and the lostness and consequence of life when we live “un-restored”. First read through the story of David and Bathsheba in **2 Samuel 11!** Discuss and notice what happens to the most powerful of God-followers when they grow distant from God!

Now read **2 Samuel 12:1-13** about the restoration God provides (**vs. 13**) even though great consequences had now entered into David’s life. God provided restoration even in the midst of great human failure. The big question now for David was, “How would he live with himself everyday with constant reminders of his sin always before him?”

Where I really encourage you to spend the bulk of your time is discussing and praying **Psalms 51**. David wrote this prayer of “restoration” as he struggled living a restored life as a failed sinner.

I suggest taking this Psalm in sections letting it speak to you and then speaking with one another as to its meaning given David’s context as well as the meaning for us today. We all struggle to some degree like David. Look for the realness in the psalm as well as the hope and joy of the prayer. Use it often—it’s a good one!



**Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.**

**Isaiah 60:1**

**“Connecting With God” Weekly Guide**

This booklet is a resource to help you “Connect with God” this week. He deeply desires ongoing personal connection with you. You are that important to Him.

**This Page** has some scripture verses for you to meditate on each day this week. Notice the helpful hints section – these are great things to consider when personally engaging with God through His Word.

**The Center Pages contain** the notes and outline for the message given on Sunday. The message is also available as an audio download from [www.pointofgracechurch.org](http://www.pointofgracechurch.org)

**The Back Page** has a study written specifically for a small group of people (or an individual) to drill down deeper into a particular aspect of the week’s theme. Small groups can review memorable points of the week’s message and then work through the study concluding with a time of prayer.

*Scripture & Meditation Guide - November 29-December 4*

**Helpful Hints:**

- 1) Find a quiet place along with 15-20 minutes!
- 2) Focus on God for a few moments asking His Spirit to speak to your heart!
- 3) Listen to Him by reading a section of scripture then rereading it several times, dwelling on “words and phrases” which grab your heart’s attention.  
Ask God, “What do You want me to hear?” “Why this word at this time?”  
“How are You inviting me to respond?”
- 4) Pray everything that is on your heart and mind as you are ready!

*Worship Him, Bless Him, Thank Him, Ask Him, Trust Him*

**Monday:** Psalm 34

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 55:1-13

**Wednesday:** Psalm 51

**Thursday:** James 4:4-10

**Friday:** Psalm 42

**Saturday:** Psalm 32:1-7