

This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they live and learn together each week. The sermons and guides can be found at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, brainstorm all the things that make you “happy”. How many of those things do you have in common with other people in your group?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week’s passage together. In his message, Pastor Pat pointed us to the indescribable blessing of forgiveness.

God-Given Happiness Comes From...:**1. The Weight of My Sin Lifted (Psalm 32:1-5)**

- How does David describe life when sin is covered rather than confessed?
- Pastor Pat described God’s heavy hand as an act of mercy, not punishment. Why is that an important distinction?
- Many people talk about forgiveness as feeling like “a weight lifted.” Where do you see that idea clearly in this passage?
- In what ways do people try to manage the weight of sin without confession?
- How can conviction actually be a sign of God’s kindness toward us? Have you experienced this?

2. The Number of My Sins Erased (Psalm 32:1-2)

- David uses three descriptions of forgiveness: *forgiven*, *covered*, and *not counted*. Which one do you find hardest to believe personally?
- The sermon emphasized that “counted” is a bookkeeping term. Why do believers often keep records of sins that God has erased?
- What does it look like to live as someone whose forgiven sin is not “counted against” you?

3. God’s Hiding Place Found (Psalm 32:6-7)

- David moves from hiding *from* God to hiding *in* God. What are common false hiding places you tend to run to instead of God?
- Respond to this contrast: When we cover our sins, we hide them. When God covers our sins, He removes them.
- How might seeing God as a refuge change the way you approach repentance in the future?

4. God’s Leading Experienced (Psalm 32:8-11)

- God promises guidance, counsel, and watchful care after forgiveness. Why is guidance an essential part of forgiveness, not an optional add-on?
- What kinds of fear, guilt, or failure does God’s guidance protect us from?
- Is there anything you may still be covering instead of confessing? What are you forfeiting by not confessing?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Thank God specifically for forgiveness that is complete and final.

