

BIG IDEA QUESTIONS Brokenness

An article by Pastor Jim Leggett of Katy TX suggests 3 distinct types of brokenness.

- that which comes from circumstances beyond our control... think Haiti
- that which we voluntarily and purposely seek
- that which comes as a result of our sin; which will be our focus this week

Talk about this definition from Embracing Brokenness by Alan Nelson “Brokenness is a yielded heart open before God, a heart emptied of pride and self claims, of all arrogance, knowing our sin, our self-deception, our frailty, weakness and inadequacy. We discover ourselves again to be hungry and thirsty, poor and needy, when we had thought ourselves full and needing nothing.” (Scott note... cf Rev 3:15-22) “Along with this awareness comes a rediscovery of god’s love, mercy and forgiveness- His affirmation of us, care for us, and claim upon us. Brokenness is not the opposite of wholeness; it is the continuing precondition for it.”

Before you look at Psalm 51, you may need to make sure that everyone is familiar with the details of the David/Bathsheba account as recorded in 2 Samuel 11 and 12.

Can you recall a time of personal failure/sin in your past? Maybe there is something in your life right now that you are hiding. Contemplate that as you read through Psalm 51. (The power of God’s word and ministry of the Holy Spirit may make a time of personal confession and cleansing very appropriate before you move on)

Hebrews 12:5-10 describes the disciplinary action of our Heavenly Father. How have you experienced that in your own life?

Finish up in Psalm 32 and note especially the remedy for sin found in verse 5.

Assuming that everyone has a clean slate through provision made by Jesus for forgiveness, end with a time of celebration as Ps 32:1,2,10 describe!