



Series Mission Church

Passage Psalm 38

Title Jesus Heals His Church

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- **Discussion Starter:** What was your first emotional reaction to the news that a Christian leader in a nearby church had fallen into sin? Describe some of the insights you have gained from the sermon this past Sunday on how to deal with these emotions, and the way Jesus goes about the healing process in His church?

Don't Just Move On. Let Jesus Lead You. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Genesis 3:7-11, 21)

- We learned that it is good to let our emotions rattle us a bit, so that we ponder over sin for a while, and not just move on and dismiss it. Why do you think this is important? What role should our emotions play in leading and guiding us according to 2 Corinthians 10:4-5?
- Describe how Adam and Eve chose to deal with their sin and what message is being conveyed to us in Genesis 3:7-11? How did their plan differ from God's plan to bring restoration and healing?

The Cost of Sin is High. (Psalm 38:1-22; John 10:10; 1 Corinthians 10:12; 2 Corinthians 12:9)

- Sin ruins lives and it takes us deeper than we could have ever imagined. In Psalm 38, King David is expressing the impact that sin had in his life. According to John 10:10, the Thief, Satan, does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. What can we learn from how David goes to great lengths to express his emotions to God in this Psalm? What was important to David that Satan hopes to destroy?
- In 1 Corinthians 10:12, we are warned not to think we are above the reproach of falling into sin. Why do you think that God allows us to have these weaknesses?
- What progression do you see David going through in Psalm 38 as he gets to the last four verses? What truths are being revealed here that are important to us as Christians today?

Jesus Will Use This to Call Us to Himself. (Philippians 3:8-11; Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 2:2-5)

- Compare Philippians 3:8-11 and Matthew 11:28-30 as good examples to follow, then compare them to Jesus' warning statements to the church of Ephesus in Revelation 2:2-5. According to these verses what are some of the warning signs of those who are serving the church or in ministry who fall into the trap of playing religion?

Jesus Will Use This to Call Us to Repent of Secret Sin. (James 1:14-15; 1 John 1:6, 9)

- There is a progression that takes place with sin; it is incremental in nature as seen in James 1:14-15. What is the warning and promise we find in 1 John 1:6, 9? What practical plan should we have in place so that we are not relying solely on ourselves to deal honestly with our secret sins? What is your plan?

Jesus Will Use This to Call Us into Real Fellowship. (John 3:14; Acts 2:42)

- What are the character traits of those who Jesus calls into real fellowship? How important are these character traits in your life? How is Jesus calling you to grow in real fellowship?