

# CELL NOTES 27/6/11

## ICE BREAKER

Can you remember an occasion (as a child or an adult) when you got caught out doing something wrong?

## THEME

Psalms and Proverbs  
Reading Psalm 51 : 1 - 12

## SERMON OUTLINE

- 1) Story of being caught speeding.
- 2) David committed adultery (with Bathsheba) and murder (arranging the death of Bathsheba's husband, Uriah). He was confronted by the prophet Nathan. Psalm 51 is his prayer of repentance when he owned up to what he had done. (see 2Sam 11:1 – 12 :14)
- 3) The psalm expresses confession, forgiveness, cleansing and renewal.
- 4) We may use the acronym CAFSCASS (In fact a body that deals with legal disputes in families) to highlight the main threads of the psalm :-

**C**onfronted by my awareness of my sin, so that I confess to  
**A**lmighty God. But for the repentant sinner there is  
**F**orgiveness,  
**C**leansing and  
**A**ssurance of forgiveness by the Holy  
**S**pirit who will equip us for  
**S**ervice

## QUESTIONS OF APPLICATION

1) When in your life have you been most aware of your sin (in a specific matter, or more generally) and God's forgiveness?

**N.B. This is deliberately a personal question, and not an invitation to consider others, or wider issues in the world at large!!**

2) David appears to view sin as something that he was born with (v5). How do you react to that idea?

3) How would you explain v4 to somebody who is not a believer?

4) When have you been on the receiving end of forgiveness from somebody else, and what was the impact of that on you?

5) Do any members of the group have any other passages from psalms or Proverbs which are particularly important to them?