**Life Group Discussion Questions**

**Sermon Series:** If My People…

**Sermon Title:** How Do We Turn from Our Wicked Ways?

**Sermon Date:** 3-7-21

**Gospel Gain:** Turn from your sin and turn to your savior.

**Gathering Together** (Icebreaker)

* Are there sins that seem to be socially acceptable in our culture today and if so, what are they?
* What can cause Christians to become comfortable with certain sins in their life?

**Growing Together** (Truth/Equipping)

* This is a series based on 2 Chronicles 7:14. We will spend 5 weeks looking at the key phrases in this verse that God shared with Solomon after building the temple. We will seek to answer four questions – 1) How do we humble ourselves before God? 2) How do we pray and seek God’s face? 3) How do we turn from our wicked ways? 4) How do we apply God’s forgiveness and healing?

***2 Chronicles 7:14 - if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.***

* Read **Psalm 51.**
* What do you see described in these verses about repentance?
* What principles about repentance stand out in these verses?

**Repentance of Sin.**

* Read **Psalm 51:1-4.**
* How would you define repentance?
* Why is repentance important to our walk of faith?
* What was David repenting of in this passage?
* Why would God be willing to “have mercy on sinners”?
* Read **1 John 1:7-9.**
* What does this teach us about confession and forgiveness?
* What does it mean to be thoroughly washed and cleansed from sin?
* Why is it important for Christians to take responsibility for our sin and seek forgiveness?
* Does it matter that our sin is against God and if so, why?
* What barriers can stand in the way of someone seeking repentance?
* Talk about this statement – ***We are managing our sin rather than repenting of our sin.***

**Renewal of Relationship.**

* Read **Psalm 51:10-11.**
* What do we learn about sin and its potential to harm our relationship with God?
* Read **John 14:25-26.**
* How does the Holy Spirit help us in our relationship with God?
* Repentance leads to a renewal of relationship with God. What can hinder that renewal process?

**Restoration of Joy.**

* Read **Psalm 51:12.**
* How have you experienced joy as a part of your salvation story?
* How can the restoration of joy positively impact the sin patterns that are potential in our life?

**Getting Real with One Another** (Accessibility)

* Which of these steps do you wrestle with the most when it comes to turning from your wicked ways? Repenting of sin? Renewing your relationship with God? Having the joy of your salvation restored?

**Group Prayer Time** (Supplication)

* Share prayer requests with one another and take time to pray together.
* Pray that the people of Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.