<u>Suggested Sermon Discussion Questions</u> Psalm 51, "A Pattern of Genuine Repentance"

1. When you feel the weight of guilt, where do you instinctively turn — self-improvement or God's mercy? Explain.
2. How does knowing that God's forgiveness is rooted in His character, not yours, change the way you confes sin?
3. What are subtle ways we try to "pay God back" for forgiveness? How can we recognize that pattern in our hearts?
4. Why is it difficult to say, "I have sinned against You, Lord," instead of, "I made a mistake"?
5. How can parents or mentors model this kind of honesty before children or younger believers?
6. In what ways might modern believers substitute tools and habits (filters, accountability apps) for the deepe heart change God alone provides?
7. After experiencing forgiveness, David's first impulse is to teach and praise. What does that reveal about genuine repentance?