

Series: Catch and Release

Message: "Coming Clean"

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Learn

"God wants your whole heart and he wants your heart whole."

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. **1 John 1:8-9 (NLT)**

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. **James 5:16 (NLT)**

Pastor John reminded us that confession is:

NOT telling God something he does not know

NOT blaming others

NOT complaining

NOT whining

What IS confession?

"Confession is coming clean with God. It's a radical reliance on the grace of God. It's a deep-seated belief that what I'm doing is wrong, but God is greater than my sin. I'm going to acknowledge it. Confession is a belief that God's grace is sufficient, not just to forgive me but also to change me." Pastor John Seitz

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. **Psalms 51:1-4 (NLT)**



Leading People into a Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ!

Live

What is your response to the statement: “A healthy church is a place where the price of admission is simply an admission of guilt”?

What would an “X-Ray” of your soul reveal? Is there anything unhealthy stuck inside of you?

Love

“Grace Happens Here!” If you lived that out, describe what would change in your:

- 1) Heart
- 2) Home
- 3) Work or School environment

Lead

Describe your thoughts about Pastor John’s statement:

“God wants your whole heart and he wants your heart whole.”

How does that impact how you seek to influence others?

Is the Holy Spirit prompting you to deal with something in your life? If so, don’t wait!

Pray!

Congratulations! You have worked through some significant truths concerning one of the more difficult but essential elements of following Jesus—admitting your difficulties! Thank God that He relieves you of the burden of guilt, filling you with kindness towards yourself and others!