Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
318 Auburn Ave, Pontiac, Michigan
October 18, 2026 Sunday School Lesson Discussion Points
Bible Studies For Life Series - Young Adult/Adult Class

The Beauty of Forgiveness
The Cry for Forgiveness – When we sin, we sin against God, and only He can forgive us.
Psalm 51:1-13

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I. **Psalm 51:1-4** (**Sin is going against God's Word & we must confess our sins**)
   A. We sin when we go against or do not live according to God's Word or His will. (vs. 1-4)
      Revelation 12:7-9 (AMP); **Matthew 4:1-4 (AMP)**; **James 1:13-15 (AMP)**
   B. To be forgiven or cleansed from our sins, we must first confess or own up to our sins. (vs. 1-4)
      1 John 1:9 (AMP); **Luke 15:11-13, 17-18 (TLB)**; **Luke 23:40-41 (ERV)**

II. **Psalm 51:5-9** (**To be forgiven of our sins, we must ask God to forgive us**)
   A. To be forgiven of our sins, we must understand that God expects us to live according to His Word or His will. (vs 5-6)
      Romans 6:1-3 (TLB); 2 Timothy 2:15; **James 4:7 (AMP)**
   B. To be forgiven of our sins, we must ask God to forgive us or to cleanse us. (vs. 7-9)
      1 John 2:1-2 (AMP); **Luke 15:18-19 (TLB)**; **Luke 23:42 (AMP)**

III. **Psalm 51:10-13** (**God will forgive us if we confess & ask for forgiveness**)
   A. God will forgive or restore us if we confess our sins and ask for His forgiveness. (vs. 10-12)
      Matthew 18:23–27; Luke 15:22-24; **Luke 23:43 (AMP)**
   B. When we are forgiven, we should have a heart to forgive others. (vs. 13)
      Ephesians 4:32 (AMP); Matthew 18:28-30

Words of Encouragement:
"9 If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises], and will forgive our sins and cleanse us continually from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose]." 1 John 1:9 (AMP)

Next Lesson: ***The Source of Forgiveness – Psalm 103:1-13***