

Worship Date: March 14, 2010

Worship Theme: Confess the Lord

Scripture Reference: Psalm 32:1-2 (NRSV)

Materials: Brown bag with handles, a clipboard with a sheet of paper on it with the word LOVE written on the paper with a lead pencil in large letters. (Deliberately misspell love by making the E backwards : LOV3), several cap erasers on different kinds of pencils, a large eraser that will erase the pencil you used to write LOV3, Bible with the 32 psalm marked.

Look at the word on the clipboard. What is it? Did you see that the last letter is backwards? (Take the pencils and erasers out of the bag) What are erasers used for? Yes, correcting mistakes. (Use one of the large erasers to erase the backward E, and then write it again, this time correctly.) Did I get all the marks off? Can you tell I wrote it wrong the first time? I hope not. I hope you'll forget I made the mistake.

Have any of you ever made a mistake? What happened? How did you feel? Did you do something to correct the mistakes? How did you feel when you tried to correct the mistake? Did it make you feel better?

Sometimes correcting mistakes means asking someone to forgive us. It means we are sorry for what we've done wrong and we hope that the person we offended will erase the mistake from their heart so it won't count against us. Also we need to tell God what we've done wrong and ask God to forgive us.

The 32nd Psalm says:

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
(Happy).

When God forgives us what does it feel like? Are happier? Maybe it's like when mom or dad forgives you and tells you that they love you. How does that make you feel?

When God forgives you, not only does he erase the mistake, but it goes away so completely, it's as if you never made the mistake at all.

God,
Thank you for all our blessings and for God forgiving us.
In Jesus name,
Amen