

# Sermon Notes

## Confession

Two things stand between us and experiencing the mercy of God in confession:

We try to \_\_\_\_\_

We refuse to use the 3-letter word \_\_\_\_\_

*"Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight ... Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me."*

--Psalm 51:4a,5

King David makes two important points:

Confession involves calling sin a \_\_\_\_\_

Confession involves seeing ourselves as we really \_\_\_\_\_

*"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."* --Matthew 6:12

Confession involves finding our way to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus and receiving the forgiveness Christ offers.

*"Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future."*

What inspiring story have you heard about people helping people?

Peter wrote: "... account for the hope that is in you." (1 Peter 3:15).

How can helping someone in need be a way to "account for the hope that is in you"?

Why is it important to see other people as our brothers and sisters? What is the result when we don't see them as people who have worth?

How will you pass onto to someone else the mercy that God has given to you in Jesus Christ? How can you help meet a need?