

## **Dangerous Prayers: ‘Break My Heart’**

### **Psalm 51:17, Luke 4:14-21**

1. Have you broken anything recently? What happened and what did you do with the broken object? In what ways is brokenness seen as weakness in our society and what is your reaction to this?
2. Read Psalm 51 together. Discuss any thoughts about the verses that speak of David’s awareness of his sin and those that speak of God’s forgiveness. What are the challenges and encouragements from the verses?
3. Asking God to break our hearts over the sin in our own lives is deeply personal, perhaps spend a few moments in quiet and bring any confession to God.
4. Why is it so important to realise the seriousness of sin in our lives as Christians? Why is God longing for a broken and contrite heart? V17
5. Why do we find it so hard to surrender our whole lives to God? If you feel comfortable share experiences God has taken you through where you have been ‘broken’. What did you discover about God? As well as Hannah (1 Samuel 1) can you think of other Bible characters who experienced brokenness on their journey with God? What can we learn from their story?
6. Luke 22:19 Take a few moments to reflect on Jesus words to his disciples. Do you agree that the cross is the way of weakness and brokenness? Discuss the thought that we are called to take this path of self-sacrifice and love, to follow Jesus in pouring our lives out for others too. Share any verses that come to mind.
7. Luke 4:14-21 is a statement of Jesus mission, what do we discover of God’s heart in this mission statement? Spend some time praying that we too will feel and respond to God’s broken heart for the world that is in need of good news, trapped in sin and blind to his love?