Five Infectious Diseases Skip Gray

I. Introduction.

- A. When the Word became flesh, life became sacred.
- B. There is no division between the sacred and secular. (Matthew 23:8)
- C. Paul gained a greater awareness of sin as he grew as a Christian. (Hebrews 12)
- D. Text: Psalm 32.

II. Unconfessed sin.

- A. Believers are hiding from God through busyness.
- B. We are human beings not human doings. (I Timothy 2:19, II Corinthians 7:1, Lamentations 3:4)

III. Anxiety.

- A. OCD is not a spiritual virtue.
- B. Trust in the Lord forever. (Philippians 4:6)
- C. God cares for you, so cast your cares upon Him. (I Peter 5:7)
- D. Anxiety causes us to lose focus.
- IV. Elevating experience over the Scriptures. (Matthew 4, Hebrews 1:1)
- V. Certain addictions.
- VI. Bitterness and an unforgiving spirit is a barrier to loving God and loving others into the kingdom.

VII. Envy.

- A. Those that compare themselves are not wise.
- B. Thank the Lord for what you have or for His generosity toward others. (I Thessalonians 5:18)
- C. Ingratitude leads us into a serious breach of our relationship with God. (Romans 1)

Application questions:
1. Which infectious disease do you struggle with the most? Explain.
2. Why does anxiety cause us to lose focus?
3. What are some ways that envy can manifest itself in your life that may otherwise be seen by others? Explain.