

Small Group Discussion Guide

For the week of October 30 - November 5, 2022

Main Thought and Scriptures:

Although David was a mighty hero of the faith, he was human. After experiencing God's blessing, David let his guard down. He fell into temptation and sin by committing adultery with Bathsheba, Uriah's wife (2 Samuel 11). She became pregnant, and to cover up his sin, David ensured Uriah's death in battle.

"In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die.' ¹⁶And as Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant men. ¹⁷And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite also died." (2 Samuel 11:14-17 ESV)

There will always be consequences to sin. In 2 Samuel 12, David experienced massive consequences that affected his life, his family, and the nation God called him to lead. The prophet Nathan confronted David of his hidden sin, which led to David finally confessing and repenting to God. His honest repentance paved the way for God's grace, mercy, and redemption to begin.

"David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' And Nathan said to David, 'The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.'" (2 Samuel 12:13 ESV)

We will all wrestle with sin and temptation throughout our lives. David's fall serves as a powerful reminder for us to 1) keep our spiritual guards up no matter how powerful and successful we become, and 2) that God is always merciful and redemptive when we confess and repent of our sin.

Discussion Questions: (Break into groups of 3-4 to discuss.)

- Share what God is highlighting to you most from the weekend sermon, the main thought, and/or the scriptures above.
- Share about a time you experienced God's grace and redemption after you repented of a sin you committed. What did you learn about God's love from this?
- Is there an area of sin in your life God is calling you to repent from? If so, how can your group help you to repent from this sin, and live in obedience to God?

Prayer:

- Pray for one another to repent of their sin and that God's grace would redeem this situation for their good and His glory.
- Pray that God would provide opportunities for us to share God's love with those around us who are battling with the guilt, condemnation, and shame of their sin.