



**Community Group**

**Discussion Guide**

## **Winter 2019 Week 4**

### **Goal:**

This week in groups, we will be studying a season of David's life that was full of mistakes, brokenness, sin, and separation from God. These stories are found in 2 Samuel, chapters 11-12, where we see David's obsession with Bathsheba, and the miss-use of power that drove him to cause so much pain. God brings his judgment and grace through a friend named Nathan, finally growing a heart of repentance in David. Like David, all of us wrestle with our own brokenness, and face temptations of many kinds. David's story challenges all of us to carefully consider our desires and longings, and to bring them to God, rather than setting in motion plans to pursue them independently from Him. Through it all, we see that God pursued David, and He will pursue us. Are we willing to turn from our sin, and learn to trust that God is willing to provide all that we need and more as He said He would for David, or will we continue down our own path?

### **Connect Relationally:**

1. Was there anything in the sermon, or in the goal written above that grabbed your attention? What about it stood out to you?
2. In our group meeting, as we discuss our own lives, and the life of David, we will discuss a loaded word called "sin," and the great power it has to damage us and separate us from God. What are your thoughts about this word? How have you seen it used? Have you ever seen it miss-used? In what ways?

### **Engage Scripture:**

3. Read 1 Corinthians 10:12, and reflect on your own life. Do you consider yourself to be someone who is "standing firm"? If so, what people or practices in your life help you to continue standing firm? If you don't consider yourself to be standing firm, what practices or people might you be able to pursue to support you?
4. In 2 Samuel, chapter 11, verse 1 we see that David "remained in Jerusalem" while his soldiers went off to war. Pastor John suggested that there must have been a reason that David stayed behind. Are there any battles in your life that you're "staying behind" for? What are you attempting to gain by avoiding this battle?
5. In 2 Samuel 12, verses 7-8 we see a list of all that God had given to David, and God's answer remains: "and if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more." Do you feel as though you've poured your heart out to God about what you most deeply desire? What do you believe His answer was to you?

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### **Pray for each other:**

6. In 2 Samuel 12: 7-8, it's clear that though God offered so much to David, it wasn't enough for him, because he left God and took more. What blessings has God placed in your life that you've possibly overlooked in the pursuit of "more" in the way David had? What are you grateful for? Do these blessings feel like they are enough for you, or do you feel stuck desiring more?
7. Pastor John mentioned in his sermon that some of us could be at a stoplight, where our temptation could soon become an action. What consequences do you believe you would face if you give in to the temptation you're battling? Would the consequences be too drastic to make the sinful action worth it, or are you trying to justify it?
8. Throughout chapters 11-12 we see the word "send" alluding to David being the one in power as the sender. In 2 Samuel 11:5, David was sent word from Bathsheba that she was pregnant. His sin had set in motion something that his plan and control couldn't keep up with. He went from sender to "sendee". When in your life has sin got ahead of you and started setting things in motion that you hadn't planned or couldn't control? What consequences did you face as a result?
9. Pastor John asked in his sermon: "How do you respond after you've sinned and you become aware that you've done wrong?" Do you throw yourself to your knees and confess to God, do you choose a darker road and try to cover your tracks like David, or something else? How have you seen God pursue or meet you on these paths?
10. In 2 Samuel 12:1-13 we see that God sends Nathan, and uses him in a powerful way to grow a repentant heart in David. Do you have anyone in your life who you are willing to entrust a confession to? Who is someone in your life who can call you out in the midst of your sin, and remind you that "God has taken away your sin?"

### **Pray for each other:**

11. Anything you would like us to pray for you about at this time, or during this week?

### **Go and Serve:**

12. Our service times changed about a month ago and our volunteer "Go Teams" are very light staffed at our 12pm and 5pm services. What might God have for your group if you all served together on a Welcome Team or in WACC Kids after attending a service? Sign up online at [wacc.net/serve-church](http://wacc.net/serve-church) to find out!

### **Notes:**