

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DAVID: A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

WEEK 5

SERMON RECAP

In his message, Matt Reagan shared a personal experience of how he was once in the wrong place at the wrong time on a Mission Trip in the Dominican Republic. He found himself on a stage in a restaurant on TV in the middle of a bikini contest! He was mortified and talked about how he just wanted to be off the stage as quickly as possible. He used that story to set up his message on David and Bathsheba from **2 Samuel 11** and **12**. He talked about how David was in the wrong place at the wrong time and when you find yourself in that place in life, it often leads to a wrong decision.

GET STARTED

- Many of us have shown up to an event at the wrong time in the past. **Share a story about a time when you showed up to an event such as a birthday party, important meeting, or even church at the wrong time in the past. What was the event and what happened?**
- This weekend, Matt also talked about going to Fort Knox to do a military outing and it wasn't what he thought it was going to be. **How has the Christian life turned out to be different than you thought it was going to be? What are the positive aspects God has shown you that you never expected when you became a believer?**

TAKE IT IN

- **What encouraged and/or challenged you from the message this week? Why?**

TALK IT OVER

We just completed Week 5 of our 6-Week 'David' Study. **What are some things you've learned about David so far that are new? In what ways have you related to David so far during this series?**

Read 2 Samuel 11:1-4

- Verse 1 teaches that the spring was the time when Kings went off to war. David, however, stayed back and sent someone in his place. With idle time on his hands, David went to the rooftop where he had a birdseye view of the Kingdom. David spotted Bathsheba bathing, engaging the lust in his heart. David should have turned away when he saw her bathing and gone back into his palace. Then, after he found out she was married to Uriah, he should have resisted sending for her. **God puts 'stop signs' in our way that tell us to not stop and not make the wrong choice. Discuss the ways God communicates to us that are reminders that we need to avoid sin and choose righteousness.**

- David was battling lust, but also pride because he was the king and could have anything he wanted. Matt Reagan taught that the combination of lust and pride will lead you down the wrong path. **Lust is a powerful battle but there are many other battles we can fight privately and internally. Talk about some of the other battles people fight privately and if you feel comfortable, share a past or current battle you are dealing with internally.**

Read 2 Samuel 11:5-23

- Once David slept with Bathsheba and she became pregnant David tried to hide his guilt and tried to fix the problem. He sent her husband Uriah to the front lines where he was killed. In David's case, his sin led to the death of Uriah's husband who was, by all accounts, a very good man. **Sin always gives birth to death. It may not lead to a literal death, but sin always leads to death of something. What does that mean? What are some examples you've seen or experienced in the past? Talk about things like the death of a friendship, relationships, a job or career, or even hopes and dreams.**

Read 2 Samuel 12:1-7a

- **2 Samuel 12:1a says, "The Lord sent Nathan to David."** God sent Nathan to David to confront him about his sin. Who is the person in your life who will confront you when needed? Who are you willing to confront? How do you do that lovingly?

Read 2 Samuel 12:13-23

- David's testimony is how he reacted after he was caught in the sin. He exclaimed, **"I have sinned against the Lord" v. 13.** Some people are upset they got caught, but others are upset at their sin. David realized his sin against God and he repented. Repentance in the Hebrew is 2 Words - **Nachum** - An emotional shift/turn. It recognizes what I've done has hurt me, others, and God. **Shuv** - A physical turn. It's a turning away from the practices of our lives that have hurt us and others. **Repentance is a critical part of our faith walk and is, in effect, the beginning of our relationship with Jesus. Discuss the idea that Matt shared that we're to live a life of repentance. What does that mean/look like? Also, Read Romans 2:1-4. What does it mean that "God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?"**

LIVE IT OUT

Psalm 32:5 says, *Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.* God forgives our guilt and removes our shame so we can live life to the fullest and in freedom. Talk about how we learn to live in that freedom as we walk away from past sin.

Memorize:

"Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit." **Psalm 32:1-2**