

DAVID'S RISE

2 Samuel 12:15-23

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. SUFFERING IS NOT EVIDENCE THAT YOU'RE CONDEMNED
2. SUFFERING IS A REFINING FIRE
3. SUFFERING IS MEANT TO LEAD US TO WORSHIP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. Last week's message was about failure. This week's message was about how we can get up from our failures with even more strength, wisdom, humility and joy than you had before. Have you ever witnessed someone you know rise up like this after a failure? What did you learn from their example?
3. Were your views of failure and suffering challenged or shaped at all by this week's message on 2 Samuel 12:15-23?
4. One of the main ideas this week was that "suffering is not evidence that you're condemned." How did David know this? How can we know this? What are some ways this truth should shape the way we go through suffering?
5. Describe a time when suffering was used as a "refining fire" in your life.
6. Are there any failures that you are currently still suffering under the weight of? How can we support you in this time?
7. **OPEN DISCUSSION:** Take time as a group to talk about your experience with failures and suffering. Compare your experiences with the story of David and point out the similarities and differences. Conclude by spending time in worship and/or prayer together as a group, reminding one another of 1) the death of Jesus in our place and 2) the resurrection of Jesus as our hope.

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Even when you don't understand "why" you are going through suffering, the cross of Jesus shows us that the reason is NOT that God doesn't care about you. God chose to be a childless father for you. Jesus chose to be a fatherless child for you.