

DAVID'S FAILURE

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 14-17 & 12:1-7, 13-14

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE PICTURE OF SIN
 - SIN BEGINS WITH SEPARATION
 - SIN IS DEEPLY DECEIVING
 - SIN'S CONSEQUENCES GO SO MUCH FURTHER THAN WE THINK THEY WILL
2. THE BEGINNING OF RESCUE
3. THE PROMISE OF PARDON

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. This week we looked at the most famous sin of David's life. What do you think of when you hear the word "sin"? Did this week's message shape your understanding of sin at all?
3. One of the aspects of sin that we see in the story of David is that sin begins with separation. What is your default way of separating (physical, emotional, etc.)? How can we help one another avoid this crucial first mistake?
4. How good are you at being a "Nathan" for your friends? Do you tend to annihilate people when you confront them or do you avoid the confrontation all together? What can we learn from Nathan's approach to David about how to correct one another in a healthy way?
5. We all need "Nathans" in our lives. We need someone we trust who has permission to speak hard truths to us. Ask someone this week to speak into your life. You can ask them for feedback on plans you have, decisions you've made, ideas you hold or the person you are becoming. Consider sharing how that conversation went the next time we meet as a group. (NOTE: If you don't have anyone to ask this question, take time this week to consider who that person could be moving forward.)
6. Looking at King David's greatest failure just goes to show that even the "heroes" of the Christian faith need a hero AND that God can do incredible things even with our worst failures. Take a moment to go around as a group and share one failure from your life (this can be as personal or as impersonal as you'd like). Have you seen any way that God has worked through your failure?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: If you've put your faith in Jesus there is no condemnation for you. These words that Nathan spoke to David are true of you too, "The Lord has taken away your sin, you will not die."