

## BATHSHEBA

2 Samuel 11:2-5; 1 Kings 1:11-12, 2:17-19

### MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

#### THE FIVE WAYS BATHSHEBA WAS DEFINED

1. UNEARNED POSSESSIONS
2. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PEOPLE
3. TRAUMA
4. HARD-EARNED POWER
5. JESUS

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

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. What is one new thing you learned about Bathsheba this week? Are there any ways that you can relate to Bathsheba's life?
3. The first description we get of Bathsheba points out that she is very beautiful. This is an "unearned" gift that defined her. What are some gifts you've been born with? Have you ever been objectified or stereotyped as a result of these natural gifts you have?
4. In Bathsheba's story we see that Jesus not only redeems us from the sin we commit but he also redeems us from the sin that is committed against us. What are some ways you've been affected by other people's sin against you? How have you responded to these effects? How does Jesus redeem us and heal us from this sort of "trauma"?
5. Bathsheba is referred to as "the wife of Uriah" in Jesus' genealogy in Matthew chapter 1. One thing this shows is that when we become part of Jesus' story our past doesn't go away, it gets redeemed. What is the difference between our past being erased and our past being redeemed?
6. Jesus has decided to identify with people like Bathsheba and like you and like me. What are some specific ways that Jesus can relate to your pain, your suffering and your trauma?
7. What are you going through right now that you would describe as suffering? Read 2 Corinthians 4:17 as a group and discuss what this verse means for us in our suffering.

**A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU:** Jesus will forever be the crucified messiah. He has decided to bear the scars of His trauma for all eternity. But these scars do not take away from His glory, they add to it. He has turned the greatest trauma into the greatest glory.