



Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of December 2, 2018

This Week's Focus: Jesus Christ, the son of David, is the only hope for sinners because of his perfect life; substitutionary, sacrificial death; and resurrection from the grave.

This Week's Text: 2 Samuel 11

"Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous." **Romans 5:18-20**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text? What have you learned more clearly about yourself, God, and the mission of God?
- Briefly recount the events of 2 Samuel 1-10. How has Israel changed under his leadership? So far, what have been the defining qualities of his leadership, and what are the characteristics of the kingdom of Israel under his reign? Throughout these chapters, what has been the source of David's successes?
- What does the narrator want readers to infer from verse 1? Why do you think David remained in Jerusalem?
- Discuss the difference between temptation and sin and how they are related (James 1:13-15). Is it possible to be tempted and not sin (Hebrews 4:14-15)? Explain what it means that sin is (as Saint Augustine put it) *disordered love*.
- Are there situations in your life that you know you should avoid because they invite unnecessary temptation? Where do we find the ability to flee from sin?
- To what lengths did David go to cover up his sin? Who else did he implicate in his sin (verse 14)? How and why do we deceive ourselves and others about sin? What are the inevitable consequences?
- Is there unconfessed sin in your life? If so, do you feel the effects in your relationship with others and with God? Do you trust God to carry you through the consequences of your sin?

- Discuss the following ways we can guard against sexual sin:
 - Realize no one is immune from the allure of sexual sin.
 - Guard your heart and eyes.
 - Cultivate your daily walk and commitment to the Lord.
 - Nurture intimacy with your spouse.
 - Have accountability.
- Discuss how Jesus is the only hope for sinners because of his perfect life; substitutionary, sacrificial death; and resurrection from the grave.
- Share how this passage encourages you to live on mission by demonstrating and declaring the gospel to those in your community and spheres of influence.