

1-27-24 Facilitator – David’s Sin Exposed 2 Samuel 11 & 12, Tim Rice

1. Launchers:

- Of the stories Jesus made up, which is your favorite?
- How do they help you see your sins when a direct approach would not?

2. Worship by enjoying Psalm 51

3. Sermon Reflection: David’s Sin Exposed

How do you usually respond to someone who struggles/fails in a way that you don’t?

What does storying do for YOU as a gift of love to THEM?

OUR LOVE AFFAIR WITH LIES

- How is dishonesty an essential aspect of sin?
- How has sin lied to you by offering a Christ of solutions and NOT delivering?
- Why can’t we see or feel sins.... Sinfulness?
- Why did God give sin the power to hide itself from the one who sins and yet make it easy to notice by the one who is being sinned against?
- Why does God knit us in our mom’s womb to be prone or bent towards some sins but not others?

GOD’S LOVE TO CONFRONT

- How was Nathan’s confrontation of David a mark of God’s love?
- What is it like to receive a bracing evaluation?
- Who is the best person in your life at blessing you with stories that Holy Spirit uses to discover to you sins sinfulness?
- Who is in your life that you love so much you think part of your friendship is to stop them from sinning?
- Who is in your life that thinks they exist to hound you about your sinning?
- Why don’t we trust Holy Spirit to do His JOB of conviction of sin, righteousness, judgement, and oneness?

REPENTANCE AND HUMILITY

- How is David’s response of repentance profoundly unique?
- Do you love your friends or want to change them?
- Do you love our Heavenly Father? Do you love time with Him or want him to give you more stuff?
- Do you love Jesus Christ and love time with Him? When you listen to Him, what does he say?
- Do you love Holy Spirit? Do you trust Him to do His work? What are you mad at Him about?
- Do you love the system God has in place to be with Him and then transformed by Him?

4. Kingdom Centered Prayer:

1. Worship the LORD for His mercy and loving kindness. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He is willing to endure and forgive sinners like us, especially when the cost to do so is so high!
2. How do you resist admitting your own sin and selfishness? Confess your dishonesty and pride to Jesus asking Him to cleanse you and to radically change you (from the core or from the heart) by His Spirit.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to totally cleanse and purify whoever trusts in Him. Thank Him for taking our very steps of sin (to see, desire, take, and cover) and redeeming them by doing that for our salvation!
4. Who do you know, whether it’s someone you love, a family member, friend, or co-worker, that senses their guilt before God? Pray for them, asking Lord to help them learn what will (*and will not*) remove their guilt.
5. Ask the Spirit to give you a renewed sense of His saving work, especially joy at being rescued from guilt and condemnation. *Pray that He would help you learn what it means to be radically forgiven offering hope to others just like you.*

5. Mission: Christians are on mission to “with”, not change our friends.

- Who are you going to get to be “with” this week?
- How are your “with-ing” skills? How could you grow in your skill of love by with-ing others?