

1. **Launcher:** Can you think of a story with a dramatic “cause and effect” feature to it? In these stories, did the cause seem to match the effect in proportion?

2. **Worship God** – Psalm 9:1-2, 9-12

Praise God, who is the one true King. Praise Him for being trustworthy and just and for promising to make all things right.

3. **Sermon Reflection: “The Consequences of David’s Sin”**

David’s Sins & Sons

- Have you made the distinction between grace and sins consequences? What does it mean to be fully forgiven, with an awareness that sin has a rippling effect?
- Analyze the passage. How does sin invade? How does it craftily trick?

Tamar’s Shame

- What are the different avenues of shame?
- When you see the picture of Tamar, in her shame, does it remind you of a part of your life? (Sit in this and pray for each other, shame is so painful.)

Longing For A Better King

- How does Jesus react to our shame?
- Why is it such good news that the Bible doesn’t end with this chapter? What does that tell you about our God?

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray with Us**

- I. Praise God, who is the one true King. Praise Him for being trustworthy and just and for promising to make all things right.
- II. Consider the ways in which we are passive and silent (David) in the midst of injustice. Where are we tempted to use others (like Amnon) and where are we impatient to wait on the Lord’s justice (Absalom).
- III. Give thanks to God for His promise to be our Judge and Defender. Thank Jesus for His incredible work to bear our sin and shame on the cross.
- IV. Who do you know that has experienced injustice? How can you move toward them with compassion and hope? Where do you need to stop being silent? Where do you need to entrust your anger to the Lord?
- V. Ask the Spirit to fill you with the heart of God and the character of Christ. Pray that He would help you look to Christ for redemption, renewal and restoration.

5. **Mission:** We are on mission as Christians to ask the Spirit to reveal to us the ways that we are sinning grievously against our neighbors, to then repent, and pursue love. Our personal experience of grace moves us toward compassion and hope for others who have experienced injustice and shame.