



2 Samuel 11 and 12

What is sin?

-to disobey what God has designed us and told us to do

Raise your hand if you have sinned

Adults, raise your hand if you have ever sinned after you became a Christian

*Even David, a man after God's own heart, sinned

*Being a Christian doesn't mean that we don't sin but they we are striving to sin less and be more obedient to God

Look at David's struggle with sin today

-What can we do to help avoid sin?

-What can we do after we sin?

2 Samuel 11:1-2

-He let himself get too comfortable

-He was enjoying the good time too much and lost focus on his real purpose

*It's not wrong to rest and enjoy good things from God but we can't lose our focus on our purpose

*All of us are incredibly blessed and that makes it easy to get comfortable and distracted and not really focus on serving God, we become self focused and selfish

1) If we want to avoid sin, we need to stay focused on our purpose, loving and serving others

-David sees a beautiful women bathing

What should David have done here?

-get away from that situation

-he has to know linger will not lead to anything good

2) when temptation comes, get out of there

-if you recognize your going the wrong way head a different direction

-this is hard because we always want to see how close to the edge we can get

ver 3-5

-David asks her name

-He invites her over

-She ends up pregnant

Now David has really messed

What things do you do after you've messed up?

David tries to cover his mistake

ver 11:6-13

-David has Uriah come home from the battle

-However, Uriah is a good man and won't go home to his wife

David then really makes things worse

rest of chapter 11

-David sets it up so that Uriah is killed in battle

-He can then marry Bathsheba

David has made a huge mess but thinks he's gotten away with it

2 Samuel 12:1-7

-David's friend Nathan tells him this story to show him how he has messed up

3) We need others who will hold us accountable

2 Samuel 12:13-14

-David repents and asks for forgiveness

-He is forgiven by God but there are still consequences

-God is merciful and will forgive us if we go to him but we still might face some consequences

*This is why we warn you to fight sin and serve the Lord

Small Group Questions

- 1) What are some specific things you can do tomorrow to be doing your purpose?
- 2) Explain a time when you flee'd from temptation.
- 3) Who are the people in your life that can hold you accountable?

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