

Prophet - 4/7 Discussion Questions

2 Samuel 12

Review

⁷ Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁸ And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? ¹³ David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 2 Samuel 12:7-9a, 13

1. **God Speaks to us through His Word** (2 Samuel 12:1, 7-15)
 - Nathan like other prophets in the Bible speaks God's word to the people.
 - God promised that He would raise up another prophet like Moses who would speak God's words directly to the people (Deuteronomy 18:15-18)
 - God's Holy Spirit empowers Prophets to speak His words (2 Peter 1:16-21)
 - Jesus is the Ultimate Fulfillment of the office of Prophet (Hebrews 1:1-2)
2. **We all Fail** (2 Samuel 11 – 12:1-15)
 - David Celebrated Too Early (2 Samuel 11:1)
 - David wasn't satisfied in God's provision for him (2 Samuel 11:2-5, 12:7-8)
 - David tried to cover his own sin (2 Samuel 11:6-27)
3. **God's Word brings conviction and restoration** (2 Samuel 12:1-25)
 - David received Nathans rebuke (2 Samuel 12:13)
 - David repented of his sin (Psalm 51)
 - David was restored (2 Samuel 12:13, 24-25)

Connect

1. What is your biggest sin that you have tried to cover up? Just kidding – don't share that here but who has an embarrassing story of when they were over confident or celebrated too early that they wouldn't mind sharing? If no one has a personal story tell one about someone else. 😊
2. What is something in God's word that has really encouraged or challenged you recently?

Read 2 Samuel 12:1-25

Discuss

3. Flip back through 2 Samuel chapters 7-11. What has been happening in David's life?
4. Why do you think David stayed back at his home instead of going out to lead the battle with his men? (2 Samuel 11:1). How did this decision reflect a lack of follow through in God's promises to him and his office as King - God's representative over the people?
5. From what you know of David's life before 2 Samuel 11 would you have expected him to take the wife of one of his men and have him killed to cover it up? Why or Why not? What do these observations tell us about our own capacity to sin?

6. Why do you think David gave the judgement he did about the rich man who stole the lamb from his neighbor (2 Samuel 12:5-6)? How does our own experience of sin and it's aftermath (guilt, shame, fear, etc...) cause us to react to the sin we see in others?
7. Read Psalm 51. What stands out to you about David's repentance over his sin?

Apply

- Consider if there are any areas in your life where you are coasting instead of pursuing God. If so, repent and ask God to empower you to live out the plans he has for you.
- Where do you see God's Word producing fruit in your life (2 Timothy 3:16-17)? What steps could you take this week to receive and respond to God's word more fully?
- Take some time alone in personal reflection this week and write down any sin or area of sin God reveals to you in your life. Then write the promise of 1 John 1:9 across the paper and destroy it. Like David after this encounter with Nathan walk in the joy of your salvation.

Pray

- How can we pray for you?