



GROUP ICE BREAKER

Share about a time when you got in trouble as a child. What did you do? What were the consequences?

REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I will receive the comfort of God's grace in my life.
- I will extend the care of God's grace to a friend in need.
- I will become a conduit of God's grace to my community.
- I will be a carrier of God's grace to those who don't expect it but need it.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

One of the most recognized stories about David is his adulterous affair with Bathsheba and his murderous attempts to cover it up. There are four spiritual warning lights in the story to take notice of. The first warning light is Boredom. Maybe the fear of aging and death had crept into David's life, but instead of going to God, he just stayed home with no accountability. We need to ask ourselves, will we take the time to go to God and pour out our hearts to him? The second warning light is Confrontation. David just ignores this warning light - "This is someone's wife; this is someone's daughter." Be courageous enough to get alone with God, and get real clear because no one is going to do this for you. Now there's the warning light of Consequences. How do you respond after you've sinned when the consequences start to unfold? David could throw himself to his knees and confess, but he doesn't. The consequences of sin will always lead to one of two results - either repentance, confession, and restitution; or cover-up and more sin. David's fourth warning light comes; Judgment -the judgment of God. Maybe like David, you've sat through these messages, but now, you're aware of the fallenness in your own heart. Will you do what David did? Will you say to God right now, "I'm the man. I'm the woman. It's my story, God."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What would be considered "acceptable sins" and "inexcusable sins"? Why do we classify them as such? Is this how God see them?
2. Matt said in the message that "everyone is fallen and we all wrestle with sin." Do you agree or disagree and why?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (CONT)

3. What does David's apparent boredom suggest about being vulnerable to temptation? Have you experienced this personally?
4. David's core struggle may have been the belief that he had to look out for himself rather than trust in God. What are the challenges to trusting God? What are the advantages?
5. Have you been on the receiving end of a confrontation? What was that like and how did you respond?
6. Share with the group a time you experienced a confrontation from God and how you recognized it as His grace in your life?
7. Read James 1:13-15 aloud. How does this passage relate to David's situation? Why does a single sin often produce other sins?
8. Read 2 Samuel 12:13 and Psalm 51. How does David's story remind us of the importance of confession and forgiveness?

NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

Use these as a guide to take your next step and commit to what you learned this week:

- I will look for warning lights to prevent a fall.
- I will consider the consequences of my actions.
- I will get alone with God and ask hard questions.
- I will get clear on what I believe and live it out.
- I will confess to God and receive his forgiveness.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- 1 Corinthians 10:12
- 2 Samuel 11-12
- 2 Samuel 8:20
- 2 Samuel 12:7