

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

David: The Life of a King Week 5: Parenting Courageously 2 Samuel 13-15

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David was a great king, but a lousy father. We must study his parenting failure to learn from his mistakes. The parenting principles gained from his life are tremendously helpful to all longing to impact the next generation for Christ.

Kicking It Off: In recognition of Father's Day, share of a good memory you have of your dad.

Discussion:

1. Reread 2 Samuel 13:14 *Amnon refused to listen to Tamar, and since he was stronger than she, he raped her.*

Adultery was one of David's great sins. Sadly, Amnon followed his father's bad example in sexual sin. Why does the way we live impact our children more than our lectures?

2. Reread 2 Samuel 13:15 *Then Amnon hated her with intense hatred. In fact, he hated her more than he had loved her. Amnon said to her, "Get up and get out!"*

What does this verse teach us about lust?

3. Why do you think that many kids raised in Christian homes are walking away from the Lord these days?

4. Reread 2 Samuel 13:21 (NCB) *When King David learned about all this, he became extremely angry. However, he did not punish his son Amnon because he was his firstborn and he loved him.*

How is it that "love" is the motivation for parents who discipline their children... and "love" is also why some parents refuse to discipline their kids?

5. Reread 2 Samuel 13:28-29 *Absalom ordered his men, "When Amnon is in high spirits from drinking wine and I say to you, 'Strike Amnon down,' then kill him. So Absalom's men did to Amnon what Absalom had ordered.*

Was Absalom justified in his action? What should he have done?

6. Reread 2 Samuel 14:13-14 (NLT) *The wise woman from Tekoa replied, "You have refused to bring home your banished son. God he devises ways to bring us back when we have been separated from him."*

What does the cross teach us about the importance of seeking reconciliation with our kids?

7. What parenting advice would you give to young parents seeking to raise godly children?

Wrapping It Up: True repentance involves a total change of our mind, heart, and actions. Ask God to help guide you to where you need to seek repentance for any of your sins. Pray for each member of your group to live out Psalm 51 - to seek the Lord and create a pure heart, restoring the joy of your salvation.