

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

David: The Life of a King

Week 4: Facing the Truth
2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51

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We can't escape the truth, so how can we face it? This week, we're learning from King David's example in how to admit our wrongdoings (both big and small) and, in turn, restore our damaged relationship with others and with the Lord.

Kicking It Off:

If you were in Jeff's shoes with a parking lot "accident," what would you have done? Denied it, admitted it, or ignored it? Or... have you ever been part of an embarrassing fender bender? If so, share with the group how you handled it.

Discussion:

1. How do you feel when you hear this statement: "Even if people don't know of our sin, God always does."
2. Next, read 2 Samuel 11:27b. What is the significance of God knowing what David had done with Uriah and his wife Bathsheba?

"But the thing David had done displeased the LORD." (NIV)

3. Sometimes God uses trusted advisors like Nathan in our lives to confront us and help us face what we've done wrong. What are some tips for speaking truth in love found in Scripture? A few examples, below. What else comes to mind?
 - *"Wounds from a friend can be trusted,"* (Proverbs 27:6a, NIV)
 - *"Let the godly strike me! It will be a kindness! If they correct me, it is soothing medicine. Don't let me refuse it."* (Psalm 141:5a, NLT)
 - *"Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself."* (Galatians 6:1, NLT)
4. What did we learn from David about the importance of true confession and no longer minimizing our sin? How does seeking forgiveness impact our relationship with God and with others?
5. Why do you think it is so hard for most of us to repent and admit our sin at times?
6. What are the potential benefits if we work to actually enjoy our salvation? What could the world look like if believers practiced this?

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.