

Oct 26/25 – Small Group Questions

2 Samuel 12 – David: How to Repent

Read 2 Samuel 11:27a – 12:13a

1. What catches your attention in this story? What details or emotions stand out most to you?
2. Why do you think Nathan chose to tell a story rather than confront David directly? What might that reveal about the way God works to expose our hearts?
3. Nathan's parable ends with David's outrage — 'This man deserves to die!' — before Nathan says, 'You are the man!' What does this moment reveal about how sin blinds us to ourselves?
4. Nathan lays the groundwork for repentance with three truths: see the source, take responsibility, and accept the consequences. Which of these stand out to you personally as important, and why?

Read Psalm 51:1-17

5. How does David's prayer in Psalm 51 show the difference between false and true repentance? (false repentance being remorse and resolution)
6. In what ways do we try to cover our sin? How does David uncover his sin?
7. Why does David say, 'Against you, you only, have I sinned'? What does that teach us about the nature of repentance?

Read John 19:1-5

8. What does it mean to 'fall on God's mercy alone'? How does comparing the two courtroom scenes (David and Pilate) Jesus' own help us understand the depth of God's mercy?

9. What might it look like this week for you to respond to God's loving, relentless call to repent and to find in repentance a peace that passes understanding and a verdict that 'You are beloved of God'?