

Community Group Discussion Questions

“The Look that Kills” 2 Samuel 11 Aug 19/20

Getting Started

The true test of one’s leadership is not only what is done in the sunlight, but also what is done in the shadows. Therefore, if what is done in the shadows is not willingly brought into the sunlight, then know that God will intentionally bring the sunlight to the shadows.

Galatians 6:7-8 says, “Do not be deceived. God is not mocked; for whatever a person sows, this they will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

What kinds of things do Christians do ‘in the shadows’ and hope no one finds out about?

Would anyone like to share about something you brought out of the shadows and gave to Jesus so He could help you and heal you?

Going Deeper

The wisest man Solomon, the strongest man Samson, and the godliest man in David shared one aspect in common: Moral Failure

How is it possible that people who are wise, strong, and godly can still fail miserably?

- I. Consider the Circumstances: 2 Samuel 11:1-3
 - A. The Subtlety of Success: Untouchable
 - Casualness: “But David remained in Jerusalem.” (Vs.1)
 - Compulsiveness: “It happened” (Vs. 2)
 - Callousness: “Is not this Bathsheba” (Vs. 3)

Our culture certainly treats some people differently than others. Those who are powerful or famous often don't have to face the same consequences as common people do. Many others live their lives so selfishly that they don't even consider how their decisions will affect others. What dangers can occur if we see ourselves as untouchable?

B. The Sequence of Sin: Unsatisfied

- David Stopped, Stared, Sent, and Sinned

James 1:14-15: "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire, when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is fully grown, brings forth death."

Sin is so utterly corrupting that it can take a person who has much to be thankful for, and make them unsatisfied. Satan's words to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden caused them to be unsatisfied with what they had, even though they lived in paradise with no sin! We must be very careful with our desires, because what we desire can start us down the path that ends in death. What safeguards could you set up in your life to keep you 'content'? (*Possible answers:* taking time to thank God for our blessings, asking our spouses and friends how we can bless and appreciate them, having someone ask us hard questions on a consistent basis, etc.)

II. Contrast of Character: 2 Samuel 11:6-15

A. Conspiracy of David: Unaccountable

Notice: The intentional use of the phrase "down to your house" (vs. 9,10,11,13)

People who are not accountable for their actions can do amazing amounts of evil and damage to those around them, and even to entire people groups and civilizations. Who do you have in your life that has your permission to ask you anything and does this on a consistent basis? If you don't have someone like this, who could you ask to step into your life and provide this for you?

B. Commitment of Uriah: Unwavering

- Loyal to His Master: “slept at the door of the king’s house” (v.9)
- Loyal to His Mission: “I will not do this thing” (v.11)
- Loyal to His Morals: “but he did not go...” (v.13)

Take Away: Today, be reminded when the Son appears, where sin abides, grace always abounds. Therefore, the grace of God will always cover one’s sin, but the government of God will cause one to have to deal with the consequences.

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Proverbs 28:13

What is the one thing that God is convicting you to act on or change in your life based on your interaction with this story of David, Bathsheba, and Uriah?

Prayer Requests