

2 Samuel 12

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Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. In chapter 11, David was the active agent: sending, speaking, and taking but in chapter 12, it is the LORD who acts: sending, speaking, and taking. The LORD is not passive regarding sin, He pursues and confronts sinners (12:1). How grateful are you when He catches up with you and makes you reckon with your sin? Do you see this as amazing grace?
2. Without realizing it, David condemned himself (vv. 5-6). How do you respond when you've done wrong and your own words come back to bite you?
3. When you read David's brief response: "I have sinned against the LORD" (13a), we may be tempted to think confession and forgiveness are as simple as saying "I'm sorry." Read Ps. 51, then discuss what it means to feel guilt, to truly repent, and to experience God's saving grace.
4. David sinned against Bathsheba, Uriah, and the LORD. How do we reconcile God's protection of David's life in spite of his sin with God's taking Uzzah's life for what might be considered a "lesser" infraction (2 Sam. 6:7)?
5. Reflect on your life and God's salvation. How should the substitutionary grace of our Lord Jesus affect us?