

## 2 Samuel 13

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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. We may feel uncomfortable reading and reflecting on 2 Samuel 13 for various reasons: (1) this sin is extremely upsetting; or (2) we may feel unprepared to help those who have endured such things; or (3) we may feel guilt over our own past; or (4) we have been abused. How might we be a church where victims are heard, helped, and treated with love in the name of Christ?
2. Rape is evil, violence is evil, injustice is evil. Do we feel the same way about our own sin (lying, pride, gluttony etc.)? How does reflecting on the cross help us understand the significance of breaking God's law?
3. God designed good authority to protect the vulnerable, strengthen people/families/communities, and promote human flourishing. We see a brother, a father, and a king who did none of that. How should David have responded to Tamar and to Amnon? Was Absalom right to take action when David did not?
4. Take time to pray that God would help SCBC be a church where the vulnerable are protected, where those who have been wounded will be strengthened, and where all who have authority will use it to help others flourish.