The Kings Sermon Notes

David Pt. 16 Bathsheba Pt. 2 <u>2 Samuel 12; October 19th, 2014</u>

David & Bathsheba

1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1. The LORD Exposes His Kids (11:27-12:6)

2. The LORD Disciplines His Kids (12:7-12)

3. The LORD Forgives His Kids (12:13-20; Ps. 51)

King David Review

Who is David?

- Poet, musician, shepherd, warrior and king.
- Most importantly: an imperfect man going after God's heart

When did David live?

- Roughly 1000BC

What is happening in 2 Samuel?

- David has been anointed King
- David has named Jerusalem as his capital city
- David had built a grande palace.
- All of Saul's sons are dead
- David is a beloved and thriving King

Quotes, Take Aways & Other Thoughts...

Community Group Questions

The LORD would not allow David's sin to remain unconfessed & hidden. Despite David's best efforts to hide his actions, the LORD exposed and disciplined David's sin. This discipline would have haunted him the rest of his life. This true story is a stark reminder to purge sin from our life wherever it may creep up.

- 1. The LORD was very creative in exposing David. He used a story about a traveler and lamb.
 - a. What can we learn about confronting sin by the way the LORD asked Nathan to confront David?
 - b. Why was the LORD intent on exposing David? Why couldn't he just let it go? After all, it had been over 9 months since the crimes were committed?

2. Willful disobedience reveals serious problems with our hearts.

- a. What are some willful acts of disobedience you committed this past week or month?
- b. How did you justify your actions?
- 3. God's discipline toward David was HARSH. Some will read this and lose confidence in God's character.
 - a. What were David's specific punishments (vs. 11-12)?
 - b. Does this make you question God's goodness? Why or why not?
 - c. How would you justify God's severe response to non-Christians?
- 4. Read Psalm 51 out loud. Imagine you are doing a training course on how to genuinely confess & reconcile to God.
 - a. What practical lessons do we learn about confession and repentance from this Psalm?
- 5. How specifically did God use this message to teach, train, encourage, convict or challenge you?

Prayer Requests from the Elders: October 2014

1. HELP:

- i. Please pray for help with nursery on Monday nights for CG's and Awana volunteers and on Wednesday mornings for Women's Bible Study!
- ii. Please pray that God would heal, encourage & sustain our many members suffering physically.
- iii. Please pray that God would continue to open up the right doors as we seek to hire a Discipleship Pastor in the upcoming months.

2. **THANKS**:

- i. Thank God for bringing a number of godly and competent leaders to the VC to help move our mission forward!
- ii. Thank God for numerous new members in 2014 and those in our latest class!
- iii. Thank God for all the new babies in the womb and born!
- 3. **WOW**:
 - i. Praise God for 160+ adults engaged in CG's!
 - ii. Praise God for the growing love, affection and friendship amidst our Elders & Deacons.