

GRIT + GLORY

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Sin and Grace

Discussion Questions

2 Samuel 11:1-12:13

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1. Have you ever been in a situation (either funny or more serious) that started out appealing, but turned south and ended up rotten? Explain the situation. What did you learn?
2. Would you agree or disagree that our culture often portrays sin as appealing? Why?
3. Work as a group to construct a short definition of sin. Share any key Bible verses you can think of that help with this definition.

*** Read through 2 Samuel 11:1-12:13 together as a group, then answer the following questions.*

4. In your own words, summarize how 2 Samuel 11 drives home the point that **sin is serious**.
5. Make a list of all the ways David's sin "snowballs" in chapter 11. What does this teach us about the nature and progression of sin in our lives? (Want to dig a little deeper into this point? Read James 1:14-16 and discuss what it adds to your understanding of the "seriousness of sin.")
6. Identify key points in chapter 11 where David could have responded differently than he did. What would a right response by David have looked like at each of these key points?
7. Why do you think David didn't respond rightly? What was motivating his decisions?
8. When David first saw Bathsheba from his rooftop, he surely didn't think his lust would end up in murder. How is this situation a warning against "toying" with sin in our lives?
9. Now summarize how 2 Samuel 12:1-13 drives home the point that, though sin is serious, **grace is superior**.
10. What do we learn about David's response to Nathan in 2 Samuel 12 that should shape our own response to sin?
11. Are there ways you've experienced the power of God's grace in your own life? How is this grace transforming? Share with the group.
12. We know that Psalm 51 was written shortly after Nathan confronts David in 2 Samuel 12. Read through Psalm 51. Create a list of 5-8 observations from this psalm and share how they shed light on what you're learning about sin and grace.
13. Identify 1-2 direct take-aways from 2 Samuel 11-12. How will you apply this to your life?
14. **Challenge:** Memorize 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."