

# Confessions

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss what it looks like to have your sin confronted by God. Help your group understand why our sin must be confronted to experience renewal. Discuss what it looks like to have your sins forgiven by God.

### ICE BREAKER



Do you adhere to any unpopular opinions (i.e. football is boring, The Office isn't funny, Chick-fil-a isn't very good)? Confess your unpopular opinion with the group.

### TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

### 2 Samuel 12:1-13 ESV

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." <sup>5</sup> Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, <sup>6</sup> and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

*(Turn to the ESV Bible to continue reading verses 7-13)*

### MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: The Lord confronts our sin so we can experience renewal.

Key Question: Why is confrontation for renewal needed?

1. Because we are blind to our own sin. (vv. 1-6)
2. Because we have despised the Word of God. (vv.7-12)
3. Because the Lord will forgive our sin. (v. 13)

## DISCUSSION



- In this week’s passage, 2 Samuel 12:1-13, the prophet Nathan confronts David about his sin. Has anyone ever confronted you about sin in your own life? If so, how did you respond?
- Have someone read 2 Samuel 11 or summarize the story of David and Bethsheba. David’s sin may seem obvious to us, but he was blind to it (2 Sam 12:1-6). When have you been blind to your own sin and how did you come to recognize it? What “blind spots” might you have right now? Who is someone in your life that might be able to lovingly point out the sin you are blind to?
- 2 Samuel 12:9 says that David “*despised the word of the LORD,*” and that led him to do what was evil in the sight of God. How is sin “despising the Word of the Lord”? Why does God attribute our sin to himself so personally?
- David confessed his sin, and although his sin was not without consequences, God pardoned (or forgave) David and spared his life (v. 13) How have you experienced pardon and forgiveness from the sin in your life? How often do you confess your sin to God? How often do you confess your sin to others.
- *The Lord confronts our sin so we can experience renewal.* David responded to his sin being confronted with confession. As we will see in Psalm 51, that confession was the first step toward renewed life. How do you think confession can lead to renewal?

## LIFE APPLICATION



*We all have sin in our life that is outside of our view. What next step do you need to take this week towards confronting your sin and experiencing renewal.*

*Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS




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