

Community Group

Week of September 18

2 Samuel 11-12

Today's big idea: What is the condition of your heart?

- What is one characteristic you received from your family that you want to keep, and which one do you wish you could change?
- Take a few moments to review the Community Group Guidelines.

Bible Study

- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.
- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of David and Bathsheba as found in 2 Samuel 11-12.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read 2 Samuel 11:1-6, 14-15; 12:1-9, 13-14
- What was the impact of David's sin with Bathsheba throughout the remainder of the story?
- What does this story tell us about the condition of David's heart? What about others like Bathsheba, Uriah, and Nathan?
- What could have been done to protect the hearts of all involved?

As We Go

- David's heart needed healing from his bad decisions. Bathsheba's heart needed healing from the decisions of other people. Even Nathan had to work through the process of confronting someone he loved. In what ways has your heart needed healing?
- How did you find repentance and healing for your heart or how are you seeking out that repentance and healing even now?
- Pray for one another, the process of repentance and healing, and the opportunity to share what we have learned with someone else.



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COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDELINES

Confidentiality

Keeping things that are shared in the group confidential builds trust and shows value to the person. Confidentiality can prevent gossip that only values the story; Jesus always valued the person above their story or their sin.

Don't Rescue & Don't Fix

When someone is sharing something deeply personal and/or painful there can be a tendency to try and make them feel better about themselves or the situation. Often this will cause people to stop sharing and results in their not going as deep as they might have gone. Resist the temptation to rescue people. Try to hear what people are sharing without trying to fix them. If they want your advice, they will ask for it. You may want to take time later to ask if you can offer some advice.

No Crosstalk

Be considerate of others as they are sharing. Don't have side conversations. Trust is built in the moments when everyone feels like they are being listened to and heard by the entire group. Treat others in the group as you would want to be treated.

Use Humor Responsibly

Fun is an essential part of Small Groups; however, when meeting in the Biblical Storytelling time keep sarcastic comments, jokes and laughter to a minimum to allow for an atmosphere of authenticity and vulnerability.

Give Everyone a Chance to Share

Be sensitive to the amount of time you share. Encourage everyone to participate in group discussions.

Use "I" Statements

During small group, we want to hear your personal thoughts and perspectives. Using "I" statements to answer discussion questions allows you to speak for yourself rather than generalizing by using terms such as "them", "the church", "us" or "we".

Fight for Relationship

Relationships reaches a whole new level when conflict is resolved in a healthy manner. When conflict or sin issues arise between group members, commit to fight for the relationship and discuss the struggle with the person you are in conflict with or seek wise advice.