

## 190714 LG Notes David Repentant Heart

Do a quick recap of David's sin with Bathsheba (2Samuel 11). At the end of the chapter it says "But the thing David had done displeased the Lord". How does it make you feel to think that God sees and knows about every part of our life – even what we can keep hidden from others?

Nathan's parable in chapter 12 is the story of David's sin with Bathsheba. Go through it and work out how it represents each character and the sin of David.

David demands death as justice! Read Romans 6:23 and Gen. 3:2-4. Does it seem over the top to say that sin deserves death?

David's response:

1. He welcomes the outside voice of Nathan. Who is like a Nathan in your life? Why is it so important to have people outside of ourselves to speak into our lives and challenge our sin? How easy do you find it to 'justify' your own sin?
2. He admits sin against God – 12:13. David has a big vision of God in battle against Goliath and in worship as the Ark returns to Jerusalem. He also has a big view of God's holiness when it comes to his own sin. How easy do you find it to minimise your own sin? What are helpful ways to remind ourselves of the magnitude of God's holiness? What Bible verses comes to mind on this?
3. David quickly admitted he was in the wrong and didn't make excuses. Compare this with Saul when he was confronted with his sin in 1Sam. 15. Depending on time you may want to read the verses and get people to spot Saul's mistakes, or simply to highlight them as follows. In verse 15 he blames the soldiers, in v 20 he denies his sin claiming to be in the right. In v. 21 he blames the soldiers again, and in v24. He admits I did sin but says it was not his fault... Finally in v25 he asks Samuel take my sin away (not God), showing he didn't recognise his sin as against God. ASK. What are you more likely to do in covering your back in your own sin: Deny, blame shift, admit it but make excuses or minimise it in order to move on? Why do we do this?
4. David's repentance is genuine read psalm 51:17: How do we know if repentance is genuine both in ourselves and in others? How do you spot a 'fake' sorry and why might someone say sorry without meaning it?

12:1 says that God sent Nathan. Repentance and forgiveness can come because God sent Jesus. David calls that the man must die! Ultimately Romans 6:23 shows us a death that leads to forgiveness.

Is there sin/s which cannot be forgiven? Take a few moments to think upon the cross. You may want to play or sing an appropriate song to help with this. You may want to break bread as a life group.