

## **Taking It Home:**

We see many elements of our Christian life demonstrated in the life of David. He first has to wait for God's promise to happen in his life. Are you waiting for God to manifest an answer in your life? What challenges can there be to your waiting?

John 1 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." What must you do to live a righteous life?

Are there consequences that follow you through life from past actions? What did you learn from the story of David that will help you face these consequences?



## **Small Group Lesson - 2 Samuel November 22, 2013**

### **Quick Review**

What in Sunday's message spoke to you, troubled you, helped you, or encouraged you?

### **My Story:**

Living the Christian life never means that we are perfect or without faults. Can you recall a time when you know you fell short in some area and sinned against God? God remains faithful to forgive but often we live with the consequences of our actions even though God has forgiven us. Can you see how the consequences followed you as life went along?

Have you ever had to suffer consequences in your life because of the actions of a family member or close friend?

## **Digging Deeper:**

2 Samuel provides us with the history of David's reign as king. The reader of this book can rejoice with the triumphs of David as God's chosen leader of the people. The reader may also identify with David's human side as he shows that he is less than perfect and in fact commits unimaginable sins before the Lord. Lastly one can watch the life of David as various consequences unfold while the years go by.

David waited over twenty years to be anointed king. Discuss reasons why God may have waited so long to fulfill His promise to David? What challenges of faith may David have faced during these years?

Read Chapter 6:1-7. Do you recall the significance of the Ark to Israel? What was the Ark to them? In reading this passage do you wonder why the Lord acted in such a harsh manner? Read verse 8 to see David's reaction. Ex.25:14 and Numbers 4:15, 20 will shed some light on what is really happening here. (Note: Scripture is always better understood in its entirety. Taking a passage as a stand alone situation will usually lead to misunderstanding.)

Continuing with the thoughts from the last question, discuss our need for reverence. Is it possible today that we sometimes neglect Christ as these people neglected the Ark? How should we show reverence to our holy God?

Read 11:1-4. These verses detail the beginning of David's great sin. There can be no doubt that David was God's anointed. The first several chapters of this book chronicles the triumphs of David. He was a great leader, but he also could fall into temptation. As always, there are progressive steps that pull him deeper into trouble. In verse 2 "he saw" the woman. In verse 3 "he inquired". In verse 4 "he sent for her". At this point it was out of control. If such a man as David could commit such an act, what does this say to us about the danger of temptation? How can we be prepared to face temptation? What must we be able to recognize and what discipline should we already have?

Read verse 12:10 - 14. Discuss the three important issues concerning David's relationship to God found in this passage.

Throughout the rest of 2 Samuel the reader can see the consequences that follow David's life and reign as king. He is met with rebellion, betrayal, family loss, murder, wars, pestilence and famine. In spite of David's tumultuous life He had peace with God. Read 22:24,25. On what basis does David make this claim?