

**1. A restless king**

- a) 2 Samuel 11:1-2a Why was King David walking around on the roof-top veranda of his palace in the middle of the night?
- b) 2 Samuel 11:2b-4 What temptation did he face and how did he respond? (see also James 1:14-15)
- c) 2 Samuel 11:5-24 What were the consequences of the way King David tried to deal with his restlessness?
- d) In retrospect, what should King David have been doing when he was unable to sleep while his troops were at war?
- e) What lessons can we learn from this tragic story?
- f) Share stories of other Bible characters who allowed their restlessness to cause them to act in ways that dishonored God. (Israelites at Ai, King Saul, etc.)

**2. Confrontation by a prophet**

- a) 2 Samuel 12:1-9 Why did the prophet Nathan first tell a story before confronting King David directly?
- b) Was the mission of the prophet Nathan to rebuke King David or to rescue him? (2 Peter 3:9)
- c) How did King David respond? 2 Samuel 12:13a (see also Psalm 51:1-4)
- d) Share a time when the LORD confronted you through the words of a prophet.

**3. Grace for the repentant sinner**

- a) 2 Samuel 12:13 Is it that simple? Do we just need to confess our sin to the LORD in genuine repentance?
- b) Psalm 51:5-12, 17 What additional lessons can we learn from David's song of repentance?
- c) Where else in Scripture can we find the offer of undeserved forgiveness by our loving and gracious God? 1 John 1:6-9, Luke 23:34, Romans 3:21-26, etc.
- d) How would you respond to a friend who says to you, "I have asked for forgiveness, but I still don't feel clean and I have lost the joy of salvation"?

**4. Consequences**

- a) What negative consequences resulted from David's sin? 2 Samuel 12:10-12,14
- b) Name some other Bible characters who experienced negative consequences from their sin even though they were repentant. (Adam and Eve, Moses, etc.)
- c) What positive consequences can result from a moral failure if we choose to repent and accept the merciful forgiveness of the LORD? Psalm 51:13-15
- d) 1 Timothy 1:15-17 What parallels do you see between David's song and the testimony of the apostle Paul?
- e) What is your testimony about God's love and mercy?

