

LifeGroup Meeting

Heroes of the Bible 5
"King David"

Get To Know You Question:

We recently lost Queen Elizabeth. Her death put back in our minds that there are literal queens and kings in this world. If you were to be a queen or king for a day, what would you do with your power and influence?

Let's Dig Deeper

1. Someone read all of **Psalm 51** Spend some time and share some key words that spoke out to you while reading. What is it about those words that spoke to you? Try to find something that you didn't see last time you read this.
2. In **2 Samuel 11**, we see one of King David's major sins in his life. Go back in read that chapter. What was David's first mistake in this passage?
 - How can we preemptively ward off temptation? What should have David done when he first saw Bathsheba?
 - What fact moved David to action starting in **verse 6**? What does this teach us about the nature of sin?
 - What should have David have done when he found out that Bathsheba was pregnant? Instead, what did he do?
 - Does David give up after his first attempt to cover his sin failed? How many attempts did David try on Uriah to cover up his sin?
 - Someone read **Proverbs 28:13** and **Jeremiah 16:17**. What do these verses tell us about sin and trying to cover it up?
 - Who all suffered because of David's sin? What does this teach us about the peril of sin and its consequences?
3. Based off of **Psalm 51** (which is David's confession and repentance from **2 Samuel 11**) How do we practice repentance in the church today?
 - Sin has both an external and internal dimension to it, which is covered by the terms transgression (external) and iniquity/sin (internal). This means

sin is both an outward and inward problem. What does David believe is the solution to both aspects of this problem (see vv. 1-2, 7, 10, 12).

- i. What is David's part to play in this process?
4. This Psalm powerfully demonstrates the intensity with which David acknowledges his sin and repents. While **verse 4** can seem to discount the fact that David's sin has affected other people, the point is actually that ultimately David has failed and rebelled against God.
 - How should the fact that every sin is to be understood as an act of rebellion against God? How does that affect our attitude towards sin?
 - Many of us struggle to see sin in such serious terms. We often become indifferent or at least apathetic about it. Why is that?
 - How can we learn to take sin as seriously as it ought to be taken?
 - What consequences of sin is David most concerned about here (v.11)? What does this reveal about his heart towards God and his priorities?
 - When you sin what do you fear most?
5. In **verse 7**, David expresses confidence in God's ability to cleanse him. Have there been or are there areas of your life where you struggle to believe that God can cleanse you? Why is that?
 - What are some areas of your life where you have seen God's cleansing and renewing work already?
6. David ends the Psalm by praying for the flourishing of Jerusalem. Why would he end his Psalms this way?
 - How does the fact that our individual sin influences the spiritual state of the groups we are a part of (families, churches, cities, countries, etc.) affect the way we think about our sin?
 - How should this fact affect the way we deal with our sin?
7. When was the last time you truly and authentically confessed and repented of a sin you committed?
8. End in prayer.