



Sunday 10th March 2024

Sin, Sorrow, and Second Chances – 2 Samuel 12

When sin is exposed (v.1-9)

When sinners confess sorrow (v.10-23)

When second chances are granted (v.24-31)

Questions for our midweek discipleship groups and personal reflection

When sin is exposed (v.1-9)

Nathan means “Gift of God”. Why was the prophet Nathan a gift from God to David at this point? Why is God giving us a gift when he exposes our sin?

Why was Nathan’s story so compelling and invoked such a strong response from David?

How do you imagine Nathan’s tone throughout this interaction, even as he says, “You are the man”?

Read Galatians 6:1-2. What is God’s purpose in exposing the sin of a brother or sister in Christ? Have you had positive or negative experiences of someone challenging you or you bringing a challenge to a fellow believer?

God had been so gracious in what He had done for David (v.2, 7-8) and God has done so much for us in Christ – so why do we often show ungrateful hearts by sinning against the Lord?

When sinners confess sorrow (v.10-23)

What do you make of this statement: “God always instantly forgives sin when there is true confession & repentance, but the consequences of those sins remain all the while we live in this world.”

Where do we see complete forgiveness from God towards David?

Where do we see profound consequences which follow on from David’s sin?

In our lives, how do we experience both true forgiveness for sin at the same time as having to live with any consequences from those sins?

When second chances are granted (v.24-31)

What were the second chances graciously granted by God to David?

How might we honour God with the second chances He offers to us?