

## **SERMON NOTES**

**NOV 29, 2020**

*Start by praying and asking for God's help as you seek to grow as authentic followers of Jesus.*

### **LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

1. Take a minute to recap what happened with David and Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11. What are some things we learned about David and sin and temptation last week?
2. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-15a. Make 5-6 observations. What do we learn about Nathan? What is the result of Nathan's rebuke of David?
3. Summarize 2 Samuel 12:15b-31. What tragedy takes place? Where do we see hope in the story?
4. Thinking about 2 Samuel 12 as a whole, what are some things we learn about God from this chapter?

### **LIVING IT OUT**

5. Why do you think we often treat sin as such a light or minor thing? How does 2 Samuel 12 confront this potential understanding of sin?
6. Why are friends so important when it comes to battling sin in our lives? How can they help us fight temptation and offer rebuke when we fail in a way that we can't do on our own?
7. We all face suffering and sorrow in our lives, but having friends who stand beside us in times of difficulty is such a blessing. Share some examples of ways you've had friends support you during hard times. How did they help get you through?
8. Two of the major themes in this chapter are that sin is serious and friends are important. Which one of those themes stuck out most to you? What practical step can you take this week in order to take sin more seriously or commit more fully to Christian friendship?
9. The third major theme in this chapter was the hope of the gospel. In what ways do these stories point to Jesus and the salvation he brings? What are some ways you can celebrate the hope of Jesus this week and this Christmas season?