

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE DAVID *THE WAY IT WORKS*

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ICEBREAKER: Best/favorite BBQ place & why...

BACKSTORY: David was a great leader on the top of his game. He and the prophet Nathan were on a mission to build a temple.

READ: 2 Samuel 11:1-5

QUESTION: What was the progression of choices David made?

- not where supposed to be (tired?)
- looked (instead of turning away and that gave birth to desire)
- curious (deceived himself, rationalized, used his influence)
- chose to disobey (pride/independence/didn't ask God or others)

QUESTION: Think of ways a progression of negative choices can spiral. (ex: lying, cheating taxes)

QUESTION: What could David have done preventatively? How is it that we can lose our way even after being in a good place for a long time? (begin to let our desires lead us)

QUESTION: What lies do we tell ourselves when we are bent on our own (often self-deceptive) agenda?

READ: 2 Samuel 11:6-14

QUESTION: Contrast Uriah's attitude and actions with David's.

READ: 2 Samuel 11:15-17 and 26-27

QUESTION: What do you think blinded David? Why is it easier to see the sins of others over our own?

QUESTION: Do you have someone in your life who has permission to ask you the hard questions?

READ: John 10:10, and 1 John 1:9

QUESTION: How does David's story point to our need for a Savior?

QUESTION: How do you think God pursues us? Can you think of a time when He pursued you?

READ: Ephesians 5:8-10 in different translations including the NIV.

CHALLENGE: Ask God this week what would *please Him* in your life and your relationships.

PRAYER: God help us see when we begin to get off track with You, with others, and with ourselves. Give us the courage to stop and talk to You and people we trust and make a change. Thank you for Your love and how You pursue and forgive us. In Jesus' Name.