

STUDY GUIDE

2 Samuel 12-13

“Truth and Consequences”

- 1) What is truth? What is the truth according to the world’s standards? What is the truth of God’s Word?
- 2) Discuss and give examples of the statement: “The truth of God’s Word can change hearts and save lives or it can harden hearts and destroy lives – depending on the attitude and our response to that truth.”
- 3) *How* did Nathan confront King David and *for what purpose* did he confront him? *How* did God Confront King David and *for what purpose* did He confront him? Discuss the relationship between how we confront one another with the purpose that we do so.
- 4) When confronted by Nathan and God, David confessed: “*I have sinned against the Lord.*” What words in Psalms 51 & 32 are words of his confession? Which words of his confession convict you?
- 5) If repentance leads to immediate forgiveness, why is it so hard for us to repent? Discuss the both the known and possible reasons God doesn’t remove all the consequences of our sin.
- 6). Why was it not fair that David’s son died for David sin? Why do we often believe our struggles, pain, sufferings and tragedies are a result of God punishing us for our sin? How do we know that not true?
- 7) What was God’s purpose of the death of King David’s child? How to we see that purpose today?
- 8) We see the gospel reflected in David’s life when he went back home to his wife Bathsheba, and she bore him another child (2 Sam. 12:24-25). Where have you seen the gospel reflected in your life?
- 9) In what ways do we see the renewal of King David’s heart for God in 2 Samuel 12? In what ways do we see the consequences of his sin in 2 Samuel 12-13? Where do you see these things in your life?

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
Psalm 51:16-17

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Psalm 32:10-11