

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

REBUKE, CONFESSION, AND SUBMISSION
2 Samuel 12 (Psalm 32, 51)

Main Thought: In 2 Samuel 12, we learn that sin is serious and has consequences, but we can confess our sin and receive grace and restoration.

1. _____: A SHEPHERD HEARS A SHEEP STORY (vv 1-6)

2. _____ AND CONFESSION (vv 7-13a)

1) Indictment for _____

2) Indictment for _____

3) The _____

4) _____ (Psalm 32, 51)

3. GRACE AND SUBMITTING TO _____ (vv 13b-23)

1) _____ – David will not die.

2) Consequences – The child born out of David's _____ would die.

4. _____ (vv 24-31)

1) A restored _____

2) A restored _____

3) A restored _____

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 2 Samuel 12 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. Why do you think Nathan tells David a sheep story instead of just confronting him directly about his sin?

8. Why does the absence of justice and mercy in Nathan's account so enrage David? (vv 5-6)

9. How could David have cultivated contentment and thus avoided coveting? (vv 6-9)

10. What three sons of David will meet violent deaths in fulfillment of the prophecy in verse 10? (See 13:28-29; 18:14-15; 1 Kings 2:25)

11. Who will lie with David's wives in broad daylight? (See 16:21-22)

12. How does David respond to Nathan's rebuke? (v 13; Psalm 51)

13. What is God trying to teach David (and us) by the death of David's son (vv 13b-23)?

14. What other redemptive purpose is accomplished by this severe mercy (vv 24-25)?

15. Why does Joab call for David to join him in battle (vv 26-31)? What point does this story serve, inserted here in this context?