

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.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON 2 Samuel 13

Main Thought: In 2 Samuel 13, we discover how our sinful behavior can affect others in our lives.

1. THE SEXUAL _____ OF AMNON (vv 1-22)
 - 1) Amnon's _____
 - 2) Jonadab's _____
 - 3) Amnon's _____
 - 4) Tamar's _____
 - 5) Absalom's _____

2. THE _____ SIN OF ABSALOM (vv 23-39)
 - 1) Absalom's _____
 - 2) Absalom's _____
 - 3) David's _____

3. WHAT CAN WE _____ ?
 - 1) The _____ reality of what sin can do to people.
 - 2) Parents _____ your integrity and provide a positive example to your children.
 - 3) Parents _____ your children the ways of the Lord and discipline your children when necessary.
 - 4) The ultimate son of David has come who did not inherit his father David's flaws and failures and he calls us into his kingdom where our sins can be washed clean, and we can be transformed through the indwelling presence of the _____.
(1 Cor. 6:9-11)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 2 Samuel 13 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. Describe the four main characters in this chapter and their relationship to one another:

Amnon-

Jonadab –

Tamar –

Absalom-

8. How did Amnon feel about Tamar? Was it really "love" or something else? Why did he not pursue his feelings?

9. What kind of man was Jonadab? What scheme did he propose to Amnon so he could be alone with Tamar?

10. How did David become embroiled in this scheme?

11. What did Tamar do? How did she try to resist Amnon's advances?

12. After Amnon raped Tamar, what did he feel, say, and do to her? How do you explain his actions?

13. When Absalom found out what had happened, what did he say to his sister? When David found out, what did he do?

14. How did Absalom ultimately take revenge against Amnon? What impact did his actions have on his life? On David's life?