



DASHBOARD

Community Group Discussion: 06.09 - 07.07

SERIES OVERVIEW

Every dashboard on every car has a way of letting the driver know if something is wrong. Our hearts operate in a similar fashion and, all too often, we don't pay attention to the gauges and dials in our lives that alert us to danger ahead. In this series, we will look at some simple ways we can maximize and take good care of the life we've been given.

MAIN TEXT

2 Samuel 11-12

ADDITIONAL TEXTS

Jeremiah 17:9, Proverbs 4:23, Psalm 51

GETTING STARTED

What was the worst trouble you ever got into as a kid?

DIGGING DEEPER

We highly recommend mixed groups split into gender groups for this weeks study.

1. Read Jeremiah 17:9. "Desires are bad decision makers." How have you experienced this in your own life? Have you seen this in the lives of others?
2. Sexual maturity and sexual purity are largely lacking in our culture today. How and where do you see that in your own life and/or in the lives of people around you?
3. David took six steps to end up where he was:
 - a.) He started with diversion, which led to deception, that led to desire, then led to a decision, and eventually led to death ... but then, when God's truth intersected with all of it, it led to deliverance.
 - b.) Where do you think your thoughts, words, and/or actions would land on this progression right now? Where do you need God to intervene to redeem things?

4. Nathan confronts David about his sin, and David is either in denial or he had convinced himself that what he had done was okay. Have you ever lived with a secret so long that you rationalized it and were no longer convicted by it? Share with the group.
5. Read 2 Samuel 13:13. Nothing healthy grows in the dark. God led David to confess in order to kill his sin. Describe a time when you brought a hidden sin from the dark into the light. What happened as a result?
6. Nathan was willing to confront David about his sin, and he had David's best interests at heart. Do you have someone like Nathan in your life right now? Have you given anyone permission to call you out in your sin? If you haven't, why not?

NEXT STEPS

What sin are you tolerating that you need to bring to light?

Ultimately the only way to overcome sexual sin is to replace it with something better. Pray as a group that God would take your sin and fill your heart with his love, so you can live in the freedom that he intended for your life.

Next: Read Psalm 51 throughout this week and make that your prayer. Ask God to take brokenness in your life and redeem it for good.

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