

Our **Virtual**

# PowerGroup

**Messy**  
Week 3 Study

## Icebreaker

What is one thing in your life, large or small, you wish there was a quick fix for? Why is a quick fix so attractive?

## Passage 1 2 Kings 11:1-5

This week Pastor Chris preached a message from John 1 that spoke about Jesus being both Grace and Truth. Our tendency is usually to side with one or the other. If we side with truth we become judgmental. If we side with grace we become deceitful. It is only true love when we have both grace and truth together. In this story of King David we are going to discover what leads David to complacency and how God's loves him with both truth and grace!

**Reflection** Why does the author point out that David should have been somewhere else as King?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:12-13. What can we learn from this passage and David's example about resisting temptation?

Why is it easy to grow complacent in our relationship with God? How do we protect from growing complacent?

## Passage 2 2 Kings 11:6-26

Some would say that David grew complacent in his role as King which led to his fall into sin. It is obvious that David made a mess in sleeping with Bathsheba. What comes next is David choosing to sin in order to attempt to cover up and clean up his mess. David uses his power he had to both get what he wanted (Bathsheba) and cover up his infidelity with murder.

**Reflection** What about the story or the message struck, surprised, or disrupted you? Why?

Who had more of a virtuous character? David or Uriah? Explain.

Read v. 25 again. Does David feel any guilt or remorse for his actions?

### Passage 3 2 Kings 12:1-12

God is faithful to His covenant and promise to David and is compelled to not let David think he can get away with murder. Just like a parent disciplines and corrects a child when they begin to go in the wrong direction, God cares enough to confront David and us when we are straying from him.

**Reflection** What was David's reaction to the story – 12:5,6? What reasons did he give?

Have you ever been on the receiving end of a confrontation? What was that like? How did you respond?

How did Nathan make the application to David – 12:7?

What did God say that He had done for David – 12:7,8?

How did Nathan describe David's sin in 12:9?

### Passage 4 2 Kings 12:13-14

In this last section we see that David confesses to Nathan when he is confronted with his sin. Although God forgives him, his consequences still remain. When we sin against God, he forgives us through the blood of Jesus, but sometimes we still have earthly consequences to our actions.

**Reflection** In what sense was this a turning point in David's life? What can we learn about the consequences of sin?

What confession did David make and how did Nathan respond – 12:13?

What consequence did Nathan say would still occur – 12:14?

Have you ever experienced a confrontation from God and recognized it as His grace in your life?

### Application

In Ephesians 4:15 Paul instructs us to speak the truth in Love. Jesus reminds us that it is true love to hold both grace and truth together.

How can you do a better job of holding both Truth and Grace together in your life? Which one do you normally side on and how can you increase the other?