

LIFEGROUP

Weekly Sermon Study Guide

Sermon Series: A Series of Unfortunate Events **Sermon Title:** Absalom Rebels

Scripture: 2 Samuel 13-18:18

Date Preached: November 1, 2020

WEEKLY CHECK-IN:

Last week we discussed David and Bathsheba. What stood out to you most in that event?

Also, as a part of catching up on each other's week, this would be a good time to gather everyone's prayer requests and praises. This allows everyone to share about their life and you can use this to guide your prayer at the end of the discussion.

DISCUSSION STARTER:

Have you ever felt betrayed? If you feel comfortable, share your experience.

DISCUSSION:

Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at my.worthingtoncc.org/listen.

1. What in this week's scripture was most interesting?
2. When facing a decision, why is it sometimes easier to settle for what's "okay" rather than what is "best"?
3. Read God's response to David in 2 Samuel 12:11 after he had sinned with Bathsheba. How do you see this verse played out in the following chapters?
4. How would you describe Absalom? Does he remind you of Saul, David, or neither?
5. David faces a lot of "unfortunate events" in his life. Does the character of David change in the events found in this week's chapters? Explain your answer.
6. What can we learn about God from this week's scripture?
7. What can we learn about people from this week's scripture?

MY NEXT STEP:

In the multiple events found in this week's readings, what does it teach us about choosing to do what is best?

PRAYER:

A core value of our church is 'Urgent Prayer.' Please be sure to include prayer in your group meetings.

Next Week's Sermon Title: A Series of Unfortunate Events: David Returns