“Found Guilty” 1 and 2 Samuel

Six steps to learn from as the scene unfolds (2 Sam. 11-12);

1. _____ _____

2. _____ _____

3. _____ _____-_____

4. _____ and _____ _____

5. _____

6. _____

Discussion Questions:
- Think of the sins that tempt you greatest, and then formulate plans for avoiding those temptations.

- Which parts of David’s story can you relate to the most?

- If God is just, why is David not immediately punished for his actions in 2 Samuel 11:26–27?

- Personally, do you rest in the true act of God’s forgiveness or do you struggle with guilt? What could help free you of your guilt?

For next Sunday, read 1 Kings 17-19

"A Stroll Through the Scroll"
A Walk Through God's Word

Bible Book; ***1 and 2 Samuel***

I. Title of the Book;

First Samuel and Second Samuel were combined when originally written. They are named after Samuel, the key character and prophet who anoints Saul and David in First Samuel. Originally there were two "Books of Kings," what we know as "Samuel" and "Kings." Then they were known as 1, 2, 3, 4 Kings; then as 1, 2 Samuel and 1, 2 Kings.

II. Writer of the Book;

Samuel may have written portions of 1 Samuel, but an unknown prophet of God, in Judah, evidently recorded the rest. The prophets Nathan and Gad wrote some (see 1 Chron. 29:29). The books of Samuel were written shortly after the division of the kingdoms, after Solomon's reign in 931 BC. Therefore, the events of these books cover the period from 1100-971 BC.

III. Theme or Purpose of the Book;

"The purpose of the books of Samuel is to relate the account of the establishment of the monarchy, and of Samuel's part therein. Samuel was both a judge and a prophet. He serves, therefore, to connect the period of the judges with the early monarchy" (E. J. Young).

IV. Outline of the Book;

A. Samuel as judge; 1 Sam. 1-17,
   Here we see the birth of Samuel, the influence of Eli, and the return of the ark of the covenant.
B. The reign of Saul; 1 Sam. 18-31,
   Here we see Israel's desire for a king, Saul's anointing, his victories and downfall, and the choosing of David.
C. The reign of David; 2 Sam. 1-24,
   Here we see David's victories and downfalls.

V. Suggested Personal or Group Study Sections in the Book;

-What went wrong with Eli's life and home (1 Sam. 1-4)?
-What could we learn from Hannah's commitment that could help us with our children (1 Sam. 1-2)?
-What could we learn from Samuel's commitment to God (1 Sam.)?
-What could we learn from King Saul's behavior (1 Sam. 15)?
-What could we learn from David, with Goliath (1 Sam. 17)?
-What could we learn from David's sins (2 Sam. 11-12 and Psalm 51)?

VI. How is Jesus Christ seen in this book;

He is our trusted Prophet and King of grace (typified in the accounts).

For Personal or Group Studies

Always remember that the Bible is God's infallible, inerrantly inspired authoritative Word.

Book;

Human Author;

Approximate date of events;

Theme, Purpose, Principal characters;

Study Section; _____

Summary of section;

Interpretation; What was the author trying to say to his audience? Within the historical and grammatical context what did it mean to them?

Application; What does it mean to you (be specific)? Practical areas; family, church, job, nation, sins, examples, promises, etc.

Favorite portion or verse;