Small Group Notes November 2, 2025

Speaker: Daniel Self

Topic: Bathsheba Boundaries

Main Idea

From the life of David and his choices we can learn a lot about our life and our choices. This week we consider the reality of boundaries in our life and why God created them for our best.

1. God's Absolute Line - The Line God Draws for Everyone

Key Thought: God's boundaries are not meant to restrict us but to protect and free us. They are moral and spiritual lines that never move.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Pastor Daniel said, "God's boundaries aren't cage walls to hold me in—they are guardrails to give me full life." What are some of God's guardrails that protect us today?
- 2. Why do you think people are tempted to redraw God's lines to fit their preferences?
- 3. How do culture and social media try to blur God's absolutes?
- 4. How can we lovingly help others see God's boundaries as life-giving rather than judgmental without becoming "sin police?"

Scripture to Read: Read each of these and discuss how they relate to God's Absolute line.

- John 14:15–17
- Romans 12:2
- 2 Timothy 3:16–17

Application:

What area of your life, if you're willing to discuss it, are you struggling the most to stay within God's line? Where do you need to repent and have accountability?

2. The Line of Personal Conviction - The Line God Draws for You

Key Thought: God sometimes calls us to personal boundaries that others may not share. These are not rules for everyone but invitations to deeper obedience and influence.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Pastor Daniel shared his personal conviction about alcohol. Has God ever asked you to give up something that wasn't "sin," but He wanted you to surrender it?
- 2. Why do we sometimes resist drawing personal lines that God asks us to?
- 3. Pastor Daniel said there was a danger in "taking our Personal Convictions and making them an Absolute Line for others." Where have you seen this in your experience with church?
- 4. Take a moment and think of the personal convictions you have; consider if you've been tempted to make your conviction an Absolute Line for others. Or even judged other people's spiritual life based on your personal convictions. Discuss as a group.
- 5. What is the difference between legalism and obedience born out of love?

Scripture to Read: How do each of these relate to Personal Conviction?

- Romans 14:1-19
- 2 Corinthians 6:12

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• Philippians 2:12–13

Application:

What personal boundary might God be asking you to draw right now for your future calling, marriage, or character?

3. The Line of Wisdom - The Line You Draw for Yourself

Key Thought: Wisdom builds fences before sin digs graves. We set wise limits to stay far from temptation and protect what we love.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Pastor Daniel mentioned that "David stayed home when kings normally go out to war." Why is idleness dangerous to the human heart? How does boredom impact you in your battle against temptation and sin?
- 2. What are some examples of modern "lines of wisdom" you have drawn or should draw? (For example: time online, web blockers, finances, relationships, or entertainment.)
- 3. How do wise boundaries strengthen your influence rather than restrict it?
- 4. What does it look like to live proactively instead of reactively in temptation?

Scripture to Read: Discuss how these encourage us to make Wisdom Lines.

- Ephesians 5:15–17
- Proverbs 4:23–27
- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Application:

What line of wisdom do you need in an area you are susceptible? If you can't think of one, bring up a topic or temptation and as a group discuss wisdom lines that protect?

REPENTANCE:

Discuss the importance of repentance in this topic.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What stands out to you about David's repentance?
- 2. How does this passage give you hope when you have crossed the line?

Communion:

Where is the place you need to ask God's forgiveness and repent? As a group, take communion if available; spend quiet moments repenting and asking forgiveness before taking the bread. Then spend time honoring his shed blood for forgiveness before drinking the juice.