Grave Sin, Great Grace

Sermon Discussion Questions - August 7, 2022

Text
2 Samuel 11:1–12:14

Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Samuel 11:1–5. Where do these verses say David is located? What is happening while David is at his palace? Why do you think David’s location—against the backdrop of war—is significant?

2. Look at 2 Samuel 11:6–27. When David learns that Bathsheba is pregnant, what actions does David take? What is he attempting to do? What stands out to you in this passage?

3. In 2 Samuel 12:1–14, the Lord sends Nathan to David. How does Nathan address David? What is David’s response? Why do you think Nathan’s approach is effective?

4. David’s sin did not happen overnight. It developed over time, with increased progression. What does this story teach us about sin? Where might you be in danger of destructive sin?

5. What is the difference between conviction and condemnation? Why is conviction a measure of God’s grace toward us? Why is that good news?

6. Who in your life has permission to call you out in your sin? Spend a few minutes in smaller groups or find a trusted believer and confess the things the Lord is convicting you about today.

Prayer

Father, like David, we are prone to cover up and shut up. Holy Spirit, convict us of thoughts, behaviors, and actions in our lives that don’t please You. Make us into a people who run to Your grace in confession and who speak truth in love to one another. Thank You, Lord, for the cross that wipes away condemnation and replaces it with convicting grace. That alone is our hope. Amen.