



A Broken Legacy

Sermon Discussion Questions - August 14, 2022

Text

2 Samuel 13

Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Samuel 13:1–22. [Warn your community that this text features the injustice of sexual assault before reading the Scripture passage.] How do Tamar, Absalom, and David respond to this event?
2. “Anger about sin without action against sin creates a legacy of ongoing injustice.” What sins and acts of injustice do you see in the world around you—in your family, city, or world? What actions can you take to prevent those sins from creating more victims?
3. Read 2 Samuel 13:37–39 and 14:21–24. Describe what is happening. How is David responding to sin and injustice? How does this compare to the heart of God, exemplified in the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11–32)?
4. Instead of repenting and asking for forgiveness from Absalom, David puts up an “appearance of peace” by keeping Absalom close to him. David is a *peacekeeper* but not a *peacemaker*. How would you differentiate between the two? What relationships in your life—family, friends, coworkers, etc—present the *appearance* of peace rather than the *reality* of it? How can you move from being a peacekeeper to a peacemaker in one of those relationships?
5. From the text this week, how would you describe the legacy David left behind for his family? What culture did he hand down to his children? What legacy and culture do you want to leave with those around you?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for being a God who is not indifferent toward injustice. Jesus defeated Satan, sin, and death so that one day there would be a day without evil and suffering. We ask that You help us to care for victims of injustice and to seek reconciliation with those we have sinned against. Father, help us to develop a culture and legacy that glorifies You. Amen.