



**Northland Christian Church
Group Discussion Guide
For the Week of July 25, 2021**

Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. You do not have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.

Connect

- What has been the highlight of the last couple months?

Engage the Bible - Read and Review Surprises, Takeaways, and Observations from:

2 Samuel 11:1-5, Psalm 51

The Context - Real Consequences

You are not defined by your best or worst moments in life. But that doesn't mean they won't be remembered. For David, his worst moment was written down, it was sealed, in the most public book in history - The Bible.

We are diving into an area of sin that is so relevant for each and everyone one of us. We are going to be talking about sexual sin. For the majority this is a very real subject in your life and in your home. You've had to deal with pornography, sexting, sex outside of marriage, and so much more - in fact it could be a very real subject your dealing with or something you're hiding. Healing and hope can never be produced out of hiding and lying.

Though it is difficult, the grace of God and the love of God is able to forgive, transform, and give hope and new life to all. We can provide the environment, support, help, and listening ear to one another as well.

Spend some time together in prayer.

We left off last week talking about David being crowned the King of Israel. He was named King at the age of 30 years old and would eventually rule for 40 years. His legacy would lead to Jesus. David was a man after God's own heart. God saw this in him before anyone else ever did. So once he became King he continued to be a man after his own heart and God blessed him. He was blessed with the opportunity to expand the kingdom from 6,000 sq miles to 60,000 sq miles. That expansion only comes through war. Something David has been a part of for years. He has been successful for years and most every guy there knew he was an elite warrior. He could tell the stories of the good old days. But like all of us, he wasn't perfect - and his failure will not be forgotten. At this point David is roughly 50yrs old and life is great. Everything is on the up and up and things are the best they've ever been in Israel. Except for reasons we're not totally clear on, it's time to go to war and David doesn't go. Maybe because he was exhausted, maybe because he was benched by his fellow warriors, maybe because of something else? Here's what we

know about us though: **Our greatest battles will happen when...**

- **We're not looking for it.**
- **We're alone, bored, and not where we should be.**
- **We're feeling hurt, wounded, exhausted, or insecure.**

READ 2 SAMUEL 12:1-10

We need others to speak into our lives and why we need to be intentional about putting up safeguards and wise plans ahead of time. We need to remember that: **Every sin comes pre-packaged with consequences.** There are no exceptions. Yet, because of placing our faith and trust in the work of Jesus, **We can trade our shame for our salvation.** How?

Step 1: Own up to our sin.

Step 2. Confess it.

Step 3. Change it.

Step 4. Release it.

Discuss & Apply

Please note: it may be helpful to break up by gender at certain points during your group time in order to get a greater degree of openness and sharing.

1. How does this story in King David's life impact you? (ie: Help you? Convict you?)
2. When are you at your weakest or tempted the most? How can you setup some safeguards? How does Psalm 51 help?
3. When has being in the wrong place caused you negative consequences?
4. How has today's topic affected you or your family? What would help you in this area?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 6:18, 1 John 1:9, Colossians 3:1-7, and Ephesians 2:8-10.** How do these apply and help us?
6. What is one thing that God is asking you to confess, adjust or process? How can we help?

End your group time in prayer.