

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number of the book. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.*

### **Monday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – 1 Chronicles 20:1 and 2 Samuel 11:1-13**

Today we will read about David's sins. It all starts with a simple, seemingly innocent decision. What was the decision (vs. 1)? With none of his friends around to hang out with and to make war plans with, what happens next (vss. 2-5)? Sin number one, adultery. But we are not done. Continuing on, what happens next (vss. 6-13)? Sin number two, deceitfulness against Uriah. Without a doubt, we see that Uriah is more righteous than his king. And while David has had a heart for God and in the worst of times sought God out and had protections against sin, something has changed, hasn't it? What if he had chosen to go to war with his men rather than stay home? How easy it is for us to fall into temptation when we stop seeking God or "just need a break." What does this reveal to you about God? Consider why God has the Law, "Do not commit adultery." What does it reveal to you about humanity, even the most faithful person? How does this point to our need for Jesus? While we have talked much about how Jesus is like David, this week we see how David and Jesus are not alike. Where have you made a simple innocent decision and it led to sinning against God and others? Spend some time in prayer today owning your bad decision and sinful acts. Then repent and turn to God for forgiveness and restoration in Jesus.

### **Tuesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – 2 Samuel 11:14-27**

We left off yesterday with David committing adultery with Bathsheba and then trying to cover it up through deception and manipulation of her husband Uriah. When this doesn't work, we see sin number three. What is this sin (vss. 14-17)? Not only did David condemn Uriah to death but involved others unknowingly in the murder. What happened next (vss. 18-25)? Why do you think Joab sent the message the way he did? What is strange about David's response to the tragedy? But David, Joab and Uriah are not the only ones affected by what has happened. Remember Uriah has a wife who is pregnant by the king. How does this affect Bathsheba (vss. 26-27a)? Well David seems to be off the hook and his planned cover-up seems to have worked well, doesn't it? But that is not exactly the case. How do we know that (vs. 27b)? What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about humanity? Consider that even though no one else may know your sin, God has seen and is displeased. How does this point to Jesus?

### **Wednesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – 2 Samuel 12:1-17 and Psalm 51**

Today we will see how God deals with David and David's response. How does God get David's attention so that he can see clearly that what he did was wrong and that God knows it (vss. 1-6)? David is outraged by the thought someone would act like that. So, what does God tell David, now that He does have his attention (vss. 7-12)? Once Nathan is done sharing God's decision and punishment upon David, how does David respond (vs. 13a)? Notice it is not against Bathsheba, Uriah, or Joab but against the Lord. What does Nathan tell David (vs. 13b-14)? David will not die from this sin, but there will not be peace in the kingdom going forward and the child conceived in adultery will not live. There are consequences for our sins. Now many ask why the baby had to die since it had not sinned. As others would have discovered that the child was illegitimate, this child's life would not have been happy or safe. We see God's mercy from a life of suffering at the hands of others for the sin of the parents. Remember, death is not the worst thing we face as humans. What happens next (vss. 15-17)? David begs God, but there is no response. Turn now to Psalm 51. This Psalm is written to express David's grief over his sin and the pending loss of the child. As you read, verses 1-4 are David's plea to God. What does he beg God for? As we read verses 5-6 we see David owning his sin and acknowledging that wisdom comes from God. What does David ask for in verses 7-12? Where might you need to be asking for these things in your life? What does David promise to do (vs. 13)? How does verse 14 tie into what we have read this week? Let's finish by reading verses 15-19. What does God want (vs. 17)? Notice it is not a lot of empty promises but a repentant or contrite heart. What do these texts reveal to you about God? What does it reveal about ourselves? How does this point to Jesus? As you consider Jesus, think about our Ash Wednesday services. The start of our Lenten journey always includes a time of repentance and acknowledgement of where we are in the pecking order.

### **Thursday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 2 Samuel 12:18-25**

We start off with sad news today. What happens (vs. 18)? What is David's response to the news and what confusion does this bring about in his advisors (vss. 19-21)? How does David explain his actions (vs. 22-23)? Do David's actions make sense to you? What is stirred inside of you in reading this text? What did Pastor Shirley say about God's decisions? Remember this child has a mother who has lost her first baby at 7 days old. How does David respond to her (vss. 24-25)? Why do you think God loves this child? Notice that God wants him named one way, but what does David name him? What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about humanity? How does this point to Jesus? Consider that God lost a son, too.

### **Friday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2 Samuel 12:26-31 and 1 Chronicles 20:2-3**

Now we are back to where we began – the battle that Joab went out to fight without David. Both of these texts tell us the same story, so read through them both to start. Who has led the fight to the point of victory? What is the message Joab sends back to David in 2 Samuel? Notice in 2 Samuel David has to be summoned, but in 1 Chronicles he goes out without prompting. What happens with the captives? Did you see the weight of that crown? Why do you think they mentioned the weight? The captives are not killed but become forced labor. What is revealed to you about God in this? What does this reveal to you about humanity? How does it point to Jesus? Does Jesus need a 75-pound gold crown to make him king? How is Jesus different than David in today's text? What has struck you the most this week? What has challenged you the most? Spend time in prayer and let the Holy Spirit reveal to you what you need from this week's study.

### **Saturday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read 2 Samuel 13:23-29.**