



Bible Study Questions

2 Samuel - In Search of the King, Part II

Late One Afternoon – 2 Samuel 11:1-27

Focus

In a tragic way, 2 Samuel 11 both shows us and warns us of the prevalence, power, and destruction of sin in this fallen world, and thus just how much we need a Savior-King who is perfectly sinless and who is thus always pleasing in the sight of God.

Read

2 Samuel 11

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CCNYC sermon on 2 Samuel 11

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As you meet in your homes for family worship or study this passage on your own, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Opening Question

As you think about all that is going on in the world right now, what are some of the things that make life in this fallen world so difficult?

Some Questions for Study and Reflection

What was David's world like before this chapter began?

What is David's world like by the end of this chapter?

What led to David's downfall? Think carefully through the steps of how we get from verse 1 to verse 27.

Compare David's words to Joab in verse 25 about how Joab should view this situation with how God views all that happened. What's the difference and what should we take away from that difference?



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Closing Reflection and Application

As you reflect on the pattern we have of David falling into sin, do you recognize any of that pattern in your own life? How have similar failures led you or others into that kind of downward spiral of sin?

Why do you think this passage is in the Bible? (To help you think about that, you might like to consider Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:6, 11; Luke 24:44-47)

How does this passage point you to Jesus and help you to love and trust Him more (see 2 Corinthians 5:20-21)?

How is this passage a warning to all Christians (see 1 Corinthians 10:12)?

What does this passage teach you about the pleasure of pleasing God?

What would be a gospel-centered approach to pleasing God versus a works-based approach to pleasing God?

Read the following verses and then think through some very specific ways that you might go about pleasing God in your life right now.

- 2 Corinthians 5 – *So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please the Lord.*
- Ephesians 5 – *Walk as children of light . . . and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.*
- 1 Thessalonians 4 – *Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.*

Would you say that you are someone right now who finds pleasure in pleasing God? How might a better understanding of the gospel increase this pleasure in your life?