

Bible Study:

Read 2 Samuel 11 and 12, Psalm 51 and Jeremiah 17:9.

The gospel in the story:

The word “gospel” means “good news.” And the good news is that, whoever repents and puts their faith in Jesus is forgiven of their sin.

Repentance is MUCH more than saying sorry, or even feeling bad about the sin. Repentance is coming face-to-face with our own black heart, and KNOWING **only God can change it**. Fueled by the Fear of the LORD (knowing that there is nothing more horrifying than being separated from God), repentance seeks true forgiveness from God, and a desire to become more like Jesus.

Sin is the bad news, and it is a problem we ALL have. Though David was a sinner, he knew what was most important: that he needed a clean (new) heart so that his relationship with God could be restored, and his only recourse was to ask God for forgiveness.

Application:

Head: **What did we learn from the account of David and Bathsheba?**

Who is David?

Read 1 Samuel 13:14. How does God refer to David in this verse?

What sins did David commit?

Who is Nathan, and how did God use him in David’s life?

When David was confronted with his sin, how did he respond?

Heart :

What does Jeremiah 17:9 tell us about the condition of our worldly heart? How does this apply to you?

Read Psalm 51: 3-5. How does this show evidence of a repentant heart?

Read Psalm 51:5-6, and verse 17. What does God desire for our hearts?

Read Psalm 51:7-12. How does David ask for forgiveness?

How will this affect you the next time you do something wrong?

Hands:

Read Psalm 51:16-17. What works does God desire from us?

Home:

Everyone needs people like Nathan in their lives. In what ways have your parents and church family functioned that way for you?

Heaven:

Read Psalm 51:13-15. How can the transforming work Jesus does in your heart affect friends, neighbors and people who don't know Jesus?