

THE PLAN

17. The Covenant III (2 Samuel 5-12) January 2, 2022

Story Coordinates (2 Samuel 5:1-3)

People (Who is the story about?)

Place (Where is their home?)

Presence (How can they meet with God?)

Purpose (What did God tell them to do?)

The Story (2 Samuel 5-12)

- David _____ God's will and God gave him _____. (2 Samuel 5)
- David honored God by bringing _____ to the new capital. (2 Samuel 6)
- God honored David's _____ by making his family part of the _____ forever. (2 Samuel 7:11-16)

- David _____ his power by taking Bathsheba and _____ her husband. (2 Samuel 11)
- When God confronted him, David took _____ for his sins. (2 Samuel 12:7-13)
- God _____ David and _____ the Covenant--but David still faced the _____ of his sin. (2 Samuel 12:13-14, 24-25)

The Morals

- God can do great things through obedient people.
- Obeying God means doing what is right, even when it's _____ or _____.
- We obey God because we trust that he will _____ his people _____.

Spoiler Alert

- Through Jesus we can be _____ from the _____ of sin and its consequences. (Matthew 1:21)

Small Group Questions

1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

- Did you make a New Year's resolution this year? What was it? What do you need to do to keep it?

2. Into the Bible (Luke 18:9-14)

- How is the Pharisee similar to Saul? How is his attitude toward tithing similar to Saul's attitude toward sacrifices? (If you missed last week, check 1 Samuel 15:17-21)

- How is the tax collector similar to David? How does his attitude toward his sin reflect Davids?

- Both David and the tax collector had committed worse sins than Saul and the Pharisee. Why does God still prefer David and the Tax collector?

- How does the fates of David and Saul fit with the statement in verse 14?

3. Going Deeper

- Have you ever been let down by someone you thought was perfect (or nearly so)? What happened? How did that affect you?

- Why is it so tempting for us to cover up our sins or the sins of our leaders? What are the actual consequences when we do?

- How can we use our failures to testify to the world about God's ability to forgive and redeem people?

4. Prayer

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