

*This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.*

As an icebreaker, everybody shares some light, funny, dumb thing that you have done in your past.

This week there is significantly more scripture to read than normal. Take turns, go around the room, read this whole story together. Stop along the way to discuss as things jump out at you.  
Here it is: 2 Samuel 11:1 thru 12:24

If you did not stop along the way, take some time as a group to summarize what happened.

- What was David's sin?
- How did it get revealed?
- How did David react after the sin was exposed?
- What happened next?

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How would you say God looks at the past mistakes that you have made?

For those who are willing you might share something you've done in your past that was pretty serious. Something you're not proud of. How do you think God looks at that sin now?

What would you say to someone who was remorseful for some past sin but caged in by it? What would be your advice to them?

Have different people in your group read out loud the following scriptures and after each person reads, have your group discuss what you think these texts mean:

- 1 John 1:9
- Psalm 103:12
- Romans 6:22
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

This group gathering may require some special care for someone who has been burdened by carrying the guilt and shame of their past. Be sure to pray for each other before you leave.

**NOTES**