

# PARTICIPANT GUIDE // WEEK 3

## Series Big Idea

The greatest priority in the life of a Christian should be to develop a deeper relationship with God.

## Message Big Idea

Dealing appropriately with sin opens the path to spiritual growth and a deeper relationship with God.

## Scripture

2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51

## Ice Breaker & Opening Thought

1. If you could magically eliminate 1 sin from humanity, what would it be? Why did you choose this specific sin?
2. Describe a situation (be careful to use an example nobody else would personally know) where someone you know made choices that brought great ruin to their life/family/ministry.

## Bible Discussion: 2 Samuel 12:1-10

1. It seems that Nathan did not come to David until after his new baby (conceived as a result of sinful circumstances) was born. David had not made this right with God in those 9 months. Why?
2. Notice David's anger during Nathan's story. What does this tell us about how we view our own sins versus the sins of others? Why do you think this is so?

## Life Application

1. Do you have a Nathan in your life? Who? Are you accountable to anyone for specific issues?
2. Do you have a spiritual habit of confession and restoration? Share if you do? If not, what would you consider as a starting point for doing so?

## Challenge

All of us sin, intentionally and unintentionally, and those sins create distance between us and God. Commit to do two things starting today: First, seek God's grace to end a bad habit/sin. Secondly, being to incorporate true confession into a daily prayer time.