

Jesus OUR Hope

The Hope of Grace

2 Samuel 11-12; Matthew 1:5-6

The Sin:

David discards leadership for self-indulgence.

The Cover Up:

David kills the innocent to cover his tracks.

The Confrontation:

God exposes David's heart as well as his actions.

Application:

There is hope because God has pity.

My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) As you evaluate David's decision-making in 2 Samuel 11, what patterns emerge? How does temptation, sin, and guilt affect our decision-making? Do you see a connection between sin and isolation?
- 2) Why does God send Nathan to confront David with a story rather than a list of broken commandments? What does David identify as the problem?
- 3) How does the atonement for sin provide both justice for Uriah and forgiveness for David?
- 4) Do you have a sin issue this Christmas that you need to bring to Jesus? What will it take to move you forward into His grace?

Memory Verse
Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."