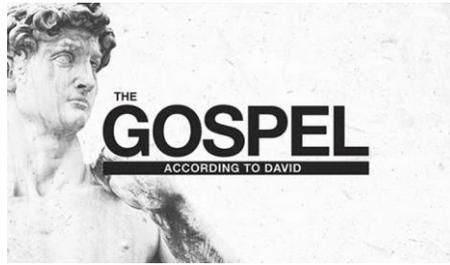


MORE THAN THE MESSAGE

(FOR PERSONAL, GROUP OR FAMILY STUDY)



“The Gospel According To David: The Power Of Forgiveness” (8/29-30/2020)

(2 Samuel 12:1-13)

1. Complete this sentence: “Forgiveness looks like...” How did you complete the sentence? Why did you choose that?
2. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-13.
 - a. What is one thing that stands out to you? Why?
 - b. Why do you think Nathan told a story/parable to David rather than just outright accuse David of sin?
 - c. Why did David confess his sin to Nathan rather than try and cover it up or deny it?
 - d. How does this passage reveal Jesus?
3. King David was not the only one in the history of Israel to sin, deserve death, yet be forgiven. Read Luke 7:36-50.
 - a. How is this story similar to 2 Samuel 12:1-13? How is it different?
 - b. What is significant about how Luke calls the woman “a woman of the city”?
 - c. Does verse 50 and 2 Samuel 12:13 express the same thing? Why or why not?
4. Confessing sin can become a “burden”, where we are too scared to confess or, on the flip side, too complacent...because we think our sin is not bad enough to warrant forgiveness! However, confessing sin should be a “blessing”. Read 1 John 1:5-9. How does this passage help us see confessing sin as a “blessing”?
5. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said this: “Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: ‘ye were bought at a price,’ and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us.” The death and resurrection of Jesus shows just how awful our sin is...and how incredible the forgiveness Jesus purchased for us at the cross and empty tomb! Consider where you are at right now: is your sin “not that bad”, or has sin and its consequences crushed you in despair? Confess it to the Lord right now...knowing you will hear these words: “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.”