

Sermon Text Discussion Notes 3/17/19

2 Samuel 11-12— Our Sins are Many, But His Mercy Is More: Hope for the Sexually Broken by Drew Hunter

Overview

Sin and More Sin...and More Sin (2 Samuel 11)

Grace and More Grace...and More Grace(2 Samuel 12)

Quotations

The main point of this text is not that sin is bad, so we should avoid it—though that is certainly a lesson here. This story is about how we make a mess of our lives; and yet God pursues us in his infinite grace. So, in a sentence, here's the main point: Our sins are many, and his mercy is more. (Drew Hunter)

Be killing sin or it will be killing you. (John Owen)

Understanding & Application

1. We can think about David's act of adultery and think that this is just a one-moment issue. But David was on a path before that sin, and that sin led him further along a path. The path: Letting temptation linger; Committing the act; Hiding our sin; More sin; Seared conscience. Can you share an experience from your life when you've walked down this path? What does it mean that we're all 5 minutes away from taking one step on this path?
2. What does it mean that every sin is an act of idolatry? Look at Psalm 32 and interact with this statement: Repentance isn't for the sake of wallowing in our sin; it's for the sake of joy. Drew illustrated this point with two illustrations, one going up to a higher mountain top, and the other jumping higher on a trampoline. Explain these illustrations in light of Psalm 32.
3. God is always the initiator with us. In what way and how did God initiate with David? Are there any people in your life that you could be a "faithful friend" to? Can you share a story about when you were "David" and a faithful friend was your "Nathan"?
4. Drew mentioned four ways in which we fight sin: fight sin early, fight sin radically, fight sin together, fight sin with grace. Explain these ideas. Do you need to do this with a particular sin? Who can you partner with to help you in this battle?