

# COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

**REVERSE: Moving Beyond Your Mess**  
Message Series

**Conviction, Confession, and Consequences**  
For the week of March 22

1. What is a mistake you made in your younger years that you tried to cover up so your parents wouldn't find out?

King David thought he had covered up his terrible sins of committing adultery and murder. But while we might be able to hide our sinful actions from other people, there is nothing we can hide from God. The Lord desires that we would confess our sins to Him, but we must be convicted of our sin on a heart level before true confession can happen. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-6

2. God sends Nathan with a story to tell King David. Why do you think God chose to use a parable to convict David instead of having Nathan just call out David's sin?
3. How does David's life in 2 Samuel 11 parallel the story that Nathan tells him?
4. Read Exodus 22:1. What is the required repayment for stealing and slaughtering a sheep? Why would King David demand that the thief must die for this crime in addition to the payment?
5. How does unconfessed sin in our lives affect how we view the sins of others?

Read 2 Samuel 12:7-13

6. Why did Nathan list off all the blessings God had poured upon David before calling attention to David's sins? How might that have touched David's heart?
7. What do you think of David's response when he fully recognizes his sin? Is it enough? Why or why not?
8. Does God's forgiveness mean we escape the consequences of our actions? Why or why not?
9. If you haven't done so this week, take time to read through David's heartfelt response to God in Psalm 51. Choose a few verses from the Psalm to write down and pray through this week as you seek to strengthen your relationship with God.