Life of David, part 2

Lesson 11

Text

2 Samuel 12

Day 1 - Recall, Read, and Listen

1. Look back to the previous lesson or teaching. Write down a few things you learned from last week. This can include any facts or findings, something taught from the teacher, a life application that challenged you, or anything else related to the study.

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2. Read and/or listen to this week's passage twice. If possible, use different translations. I highly recommend having the passage read to you. Many apps, including the Blue Letter Bible, have a feature that will read the Bible to you. Meditate and pray on the passage.

Day 2 - Unleashing the Text

3. In Nathan's story what was special about the ewe lamb belonging to the poor man? (12:1–3) What injustice was perpetrated by the rich man against the poor man in Nathan's story? (12:4) How did David react to Nathan's story? (12:5–6)

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4. How did Nathan use the story to convict David? (12:7–9) What judgment did God pronounce on David through Nathan? (12:10) How did God say He would bring David's secret sin into the open? (12:11–12)

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5. What did David admit after Nathan had spoken? (12:13) According to Nathan, what would be the consequences of David's sin? (12:13–14)

6. What happened in David's family after Nathan left the palace? (12:15) What did David do in response to his son's illness? (12:16–17) How did David find out that his son was dead? (12:19)

7. What was the name of the next child of David and Bathsheba? (12:24–25) What emotion did the Lord show towards this new child? (12:24)

Day 3 - Reflecting on the Text

8. Verse 16 tells us **"David therefore pleaded with God for the child, and David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground."** What can we learn from David as he fasted and prayed for his ill son?

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9. David's response when confronted with sin can be found in verse 13. **"So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD.""** What can we learn from this response?

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Day 4 - Personal Response

10. Has there been a time that you've fasted and prayed for something? If so, share below (you don't have to share it with your group). If you haven't fasted and prayed before, consider why you haven't. Write down a statement or question that challenges you in this.

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11. Have you ever been confronted with sin or confronted another about sin in their life? How did you receive this? How did the recipient receive it? Look up a verse or verses that talk about being confronted about sin or confronting others with sin in their lives. Meditate on these verses and write any takeaways down below.

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Day 5 - Cross Reference

12. Read the passage in Ezra 8:21-23. In this passage, Ezra proclaimed a fast and prayed to God for a certain outcome. Read this passage a few times and write

down what Ezra was seeking from the Lord. Also note the attitude of Ezra before the Lord.

Day 6 - Closing Thoughts and Reflections

As you've had time to meditate on this week's passage, write down any closing thoughts and/or list ways this passage has challenged you. How are you going to take the application from Day 5 and make it a tangible application for you? What are some additional things that you'd like to share with your group? These are just a few ideas to jot down as you close out this week.

Notes from the Teaching

Teacher: _____Date:_____