

1 & 2 SAMUEL STUDY SERIES

A Small Story

Week of May 10: 2 Samuel 12

Observation

1. Read 2 Samuel 12. What do you notice as you read?

2. What questions do you have about this passage?

Observation: What does it say?

1. What do you notice about the text?
Things to look for:
 - repeating words and phrases
 - Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
 - contrasts and comparisons
 - similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
 - cause and effect relationships
 - details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
 - grammar
 - larger themes in the passage
 - key words and themes
2. What questions do you have?

Interpretation

1. Did David have a lack of self-awareness that what he had done was wrong? If so, how do you account for this?

2. Notice David's responses to the events that happen in this passage (i.e. his response to Nathan's accusation, his reaction when his child is sick, etc.) What do these responses tell us about David? What do they tell us about how David sees God?

Interpretation

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

Application

1. What do you think is the church's role when it comes to sin? What is the church's role in extending grace?
2. Sometimes we can struggle with *false* guilt as well. For example, we might feel guilty for not living up to someone else's expectation of us, or for not living up to a standard that we have for ourselves. In your own life, how do you discern between God's conviction of sin and any false guilt you might carry?

Suggestion for Prayer

Take some time to share what is your biggest take away from the discussion today. Pray for each other that God would help you to live this out.