

“DAVID AND BATHSHEBA”
Series: Family Relations

What are characteristics of a mid-life crisis? How are these characteristics the same and how are they different between men and women?

Read 2 Samuel 11:1-12. What is going on in the life of David to where he was vulnerable to temptation? How is mid-life a particularly vulnerable time?

What do you know about Bathsheba from this reading? Do you think she knew what she was doing, or was she innocent? Consider both sides of the argument.

How does David deal with the situation of Bathsheba's pregnancy? How does one sin often turn into another? Why do most of us have the tendency to cover up our sins?

What was the content of Nathan's message to David? How did David respond to God's message to David? Read Psalm 51. How do you relate to this psalm? Do you think Bathsheba repented also? Why or why not?

What are the dangers of pornography? (*Seeing the person as an object, not a person*). What does pornography do to relationships? How are pornography and adultery different? How are they the same? David watching Bathsheba was more of a peep show (pornographic). When did it turn adulterous?

Of those the students know about, what has happened in the lives and marriages where one or more party committed adultery?

In 2 Samuel 12:11-14, Nathan tells David that he is forgiven, yet there will be consequences for his sin. Discuss what those consequences would be for David. What is the point of asking and receiving forgiveness, if you are not also delivered from the consequences? Where have you seen someone who has been forgiven have to deal with the consequences of their sin?

Where is God's grace found in the story of David and Bathsheba?