

Sermon Discussion Questions (Life of David)

“The Seriousness of Sin” – 2 Samuel 11

1. Pastor Kent opened the sermon with an illustration about lipstick on the bathroom mirror. How did the principal in the story convince the girls to stop kissing the mirror?

When it comes to the issue of sexual immorality, what are some ways to “clean the mirror” so that we’d remember not to kiss it? (i.e. Are there any shocking truths or revelations that could shake us out of deception and temptation?)

2. The first warning in the sermon was that “*David let the view of Bathsheba simmer in his mind*”.

Do you think that “simmering in the mind” is a harder battle to fight today, or the same as in David’s day? Why?

Is temptation to sexual immorality always an issue of images, or are there other things that “simmer” dangerously in our minds?

3. Consider the Apostle Paul’s exhortation in Ephesians 6:10-18. What would you say is the overall posture he encourages? What verbs does he use?

Now read 1 Corinthians 6:18. What can we learn from this contrast? How does this work out in practice?

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4. The second warning from the sermon was that, "*Disengagement makes us susceptible*"

What do you think is the difference between disengagement and rest? Try to give some examples.

What are some ways we're tempted to disengage today, in a way that might leave us susceptible specifically to sexual temptation?

5. The third warning from the sermon was regarding David's, "*Lack of Accountability and Abuse of Power*".

Consider this passage Pastor Kent quoted: Proverbs 30:8-9.

In your own words, what is the author of this Proverb (Agur) asking of God?

Which of the two outcomes in verse 9 is likely more relevant to your life?

6. Pastor Kent closed the sermon drawing us to **Psalm 51:5**. Consider also the following passages: What is the ultimate reason David fell into sin with Bathsheba (which spiraled further out of control into the murder of Uriah)?

Romans 3:23

Romans 5:12

Ephesians 2:1-3

1 John 1:8

Now go back to all those verses and consider their juxtaposed truths in the same contexts: What is God's solution to the Psalm 51:5 problem?

Psalm 51:5

Psalm 51:1,2,7

Romans 3:23

Romans 3:24

Romans 5:12

Romans 5:15

Ephesians 2:1-3

Ephesians 2:4-9

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