

Sermon Discussion Questions:

“Celebrating Forgiveness” – 2 Samuel 12

1. “*Everyone* is in a relationship with God.”

When Pastor Kent said this in the sermon, how did it hit you? What did he mean by this statement?

2. The first warning about sin we observed was that “**Sin is personal**” – It is between you and God.

Try to make a quick list of everyone you can think of who was sinned against by David in his adultery with Bathsheba. In light of your list, explain Psalm 51:4.

Compare this with Genesis 39:6b-10 (especially the latter half of verse 9). What similarities and contrasts do you see between Joseph’s experience and David’s?

3. The second warning about sin from the sermon was “**Sin reflects forgetting God’s goodness**”.

Look over 2 Samuel 12:7-8. What kindnesses of God to David might you add to the list?

By the way, while it’s still fresh in our minds, think again back to Genesis 39 and what Joseph says in verses 8-9.

If temptation to sin gets us when we forget God’s goodness, a solution proposed by Pastor Kent in the sermon was “**Rehearse the goodness of God**” to be strengthened.

??? What are 1 or 2 passages of Scripture you think would be worth memorizing in order to rehearse the goodness of God?

??? In addition to Scripture memorization, what are some other practical ways to rehearse the goodness of God?

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4. The third warning about sin from the sermon was that **"Sin reflects not giving God the honor he deserves"**.

What words are used in 2 Sam. 12 verses 9 and 14 for how David treated God?

Recall Pastor Kent's illustration about the baseball.

What are some ways we can honor God appropriately?

5. Pastor Kent mentioned that **"Self-Condensation, or listening to the enemy's condemnation minimizes the cross"**.

What does the cross say to self-condemnation? Or to the enemy's condemning voice?

How can we tell the difference between conviction from the Holy Spirit (good) and condemnation from ourselves or from the enemy (bad)?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.

- If forgiveness is "God moving our sin", then where does he move it?
- When God "moved our sin", what happens to us? What are some implications of this truth?