

Kingdom People
King David: The Great King Who Was Greatly Flawed

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1 Samuel 17, 24 and 26; 2 Samuel 11 & 12

Big Idea: David is the best king Israel can hope for, but he still fails to resist the allure of sin.

1 Samuel 16:7

David succeeds when he makes everything about God.

1 Samuel 16:10-11

1 Samuel 17:45-47

1 Samuel 26:9-11a

David fails when everything becomes about him.

2 Samuel 11:2-4

Genesis 3:6

2 Samuel 11:4—17 and 26-27

God brings unexpected good out of even our biggest failures.

Message questions

We continue in our journey through *God's Story* in our second series called, *Kingdom People*. Throughout this series, we'll explore stories of the kingdom of Israel and see how each story can grow our longing for King Jesus and a greater desire to submit to his rule and reign. This week we'll focus in on David—a king after God's own heart. The Big Idea is *David is the best king Israel can hope for, but he still fails to resist the allure of sin*. Our passages this week are **2 Samuel 11 and 12**. For additional context on King David's life, read **1 Samuel 17, 24, and 26**.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Read **2 Samuel 11:1-5**. What behaviors do you see in David that led him to the failure with Bathsheba? **Vs. 4** talks about Bathsheba's menstruation cycle; why do you think the author notes this?
2. Have someone read **2 Samuel 11:6-13**. What do we learn about Uriah's character, even when he is drunk? How does this differ from David?

3. Have someone read **2 Samuel 11:14-27**. Where do you see David continuing to make poor decisions? In what ways could you imagine he could have stopped this snowball of sin?

4. David is the best king Israel can hope for, but clearly, he still fails to resist the allure of sin. How can we pay attention to our inner lives in times of success and in times of failure to help us **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus?

5. Jesus' kingdom is all about restoration. How can you **go** to your relational world in the midst of their failure or maybe your own failure to bring restoration and life?