

REPENTANCE - A RISKY BUSINESS

2 Samuel 12

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This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they live and learn together each week. The sermons and guides can be found at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- The sermon opens with the idea that life is filled with risks. What kinds of risks do you take easily—and which ones do you avoid? Why?
- Pastor Colton framed the central question this way: “Is repentance worth the risk?” Before discussing the passage, how would you honestly answer that question for yourself?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week’s passage together. In his message, **Pastor Colton directed us to ask ourselves a weighty question, “Is repentance worth the risk in my life? Why or why not?”**

Three Keys Required for Repentance:

1. Speak Up (2 Samuel 12:1-7)

- *God uses loving confrontation to bring hidden sin into the light.*
- Why do you think God chose to confront David through Nathan rather than dealing with him privately? What does that reveal about how God often works?
- Proverbs 28:23 says rebuke leads to greater favor than flattery. Why does that feel counterintuitive to us?
- Are you currently positioned to receive (or give) loving confrontation? What makes that difficult?

2. Fess Up (2 Samuel 12:7-13)

- *True repentance owns sin without excuses or blame.*
- David says, “I have sinned against the Lord.” What stands out to you about how simple and direct his confession is?
- Why do you think we often add explanations, justifications, or comparisons when confessing sin?
- Psalm 51 says David’s sin was “ever before” him. How does hidden sin tend to surface emotionally or relationally over time?
- Is there an area of your life where you’ve been managing sin instead of confessing it?

3. Look Up (2 Samuel 12:10-24)

- *Repentance means surrendering our crown and trusting God with both grace and consequences.*
- God forgives David but does not remove the consequences of his sin. Why is it important to hold both truths together?
- David worships after the child dies. What does that reveal about his view of God?
- Some people struggle more with accepting grace than accepting discipline. Which do you struggle with more—and why?
- David names his son Solomon—“peace.” Why do you think peace is the outcome God highlights after repentance?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Ask God to reveal to you where He might be inviting you to confront, accept confrontation, or confess.

