



Bible Study – 2 Samuel chapters 11 and 12

**Q1** What do you remember of David's background and his story so far? Is it surprising that such a man could have such a major moral lapse?

**Q2** How does 11.1 prepare the reader for what follows?

**Q3** In 11.2-5, what do we learn about temptation and sin?

**Q4** In 11.6-13, compare the behaviour of David and Uriah. How could David act in this way? Did he think his behaviour was hidden from God?

**Q5** 11.14-27 How do you judge David in this section? Did Joab and Bathsheba have any responsibility in Uriah's death? Could they have acted differently?

Notice the ominous ending of Chapter 11!

**Q6** Does it matter if some of the things we have done displease God? How should we deal with this?

**Q7** 12.1-4 In what way was Nathan well chosen for this task? What qualities does he appear to have and why does he use a story?

**Q8** 12.5-13 Compare David's reactions at the beginning and end of this section. What do we learn from God's words through Nathan?

**Q9** Why is it easier to see the faults of others than our own faults (compare Matthew 7.1-5)? How can we guard against this tendency?

**Q10** What do we learn about sin, repentance and consequences from the rest of the story (v13-25)? Is the writer recording God's actual judgement against David, or using the benefit of hindsight?