**WEEK 8 | 2 SAMUEL 8 – 12 | EFFECT OF SIN: ON ME**

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Share a funny/lighthearted story of trying to keep something from your parents as a kid.

(example from Nick Parker: my brother and I found where mom hid our Christmas presents one year, I kept it quiet but he spilled the beans in about 15 minutes)

Read 2 Samuel 12:1-7a

* Can you think of a time when you heard a message/sermon and thought of others who needed to hear it rather than applying it to your own personal situation?
* David is enraged by another man’s sin. Do you tend to be more upset with your own sin, or those of others? Why?
* When confronted with the fact this story is actually about him, how does David react? (2 Sam. 12:13)
* What is the effects did David’s sin with Bathsheba on himself? (his initial sin led to even more egregious sins, think of his relationship with God, etc.)

Read Proverbs 28:13 and 2 Corinthians 7:10

* What do these verses teach about the importance of repentance?
* (from Week 2 personal Bible study): What is the difference between “Godly sorrow/grief” and “worldly sorrow/grief”? (Hint: worldly sorrow is being sorry for being caught, or sorry because things have turned bad). Have you ever been guilty of showing worldly sorrow for your sin?

Read Psalm 51 – a great example of repentance!

* What does this Psalm teach about the effect of sin on me personally, and repentance?
* Have you ever been grieved by your sin and repented in this way?

**Application**: Is there anything in your life you need to repent of currently? You don’t necessarily need to share the details with your group, but ask them to hold you accountable to truly repent! Psalm 51:10-12 are great to regularly incorporate into your prayer life