**Lesson 18**

**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**II SAMUEL 11:1 – 12:25**

**We have put two lessons into one because you have so much time to prepare.**

Day 1 – Read II Samuel 11:1 – 12:25

Day 2 – Review II Samuel 11:1-5

1. When it was time for “kings to go forth to battle” what did David do?

2. What strong feeling is meant by the phrase “he saw” and “to look upon” (KJV) in verse 2? See Matthew 5:28.

3. Rather than resist temptation, David gave into it. What was the resulting sin?

4. a. What do you think of Bathsheba’s part in all this?

 b. In your opinion, how should women act and dress in order to avoid contributing to thoughts or actions displeasing to God? See I Timothy 2:9, 10.

Day 3 - Review II Samuel 11:6-27

5. Upon learning of Bathsheba’s expected child, what did David do to compound his sin? Vs. 6-17.

6. What was David’s message to Joab concerning Joab’s part in the “murder?” Vs. 25.

7. a. How do you think this affected Joab’s feelings about his king and leader?

 b. New Christians and non-Christians look to leaders in the church to be a “sample” of what is offered by God through His Son Jesus. Look at your life and actions. Do you find anything there that can become a stumbling block to other precious souls? See Romans 14:13; I Corinthians 8:9. If so, take it to the Lord quickly as David could have done and spared himself a lot of grief.

8. What did David do for Bathsheba?

9. What was God’s consistent thought toward these actions?

Day 4 – Review II Samuel 12:1-6

10. a. Read Psalm 32:3, and 38:1-4 which are said to have been written at this time. What do these verses reveal to you concerning David’s inward feelings about his sin?

 b. Perhaps more than a year has passed since David took Bathsheba as his wife. Do you think David was expecting to “get away with it” in God’s sight?

11. a. The Lord sent Nathan. What was David’s response to the case Nathan presented?

 b. Does it seem strange to you that David didn’t recognize himself in the parable?

Can you think of times when you have heard a good message and have thought only of others who needed to hear it rather than applying it to your own personal situations? Ask yourself, “Can I face my own sin?” See Proverbs 28:13.

Day 5 - Review II Samuel 12:7-25

12. What was God’s judgment on David?

13. Read Psalm 51. What are some of the phrases that show David’s sincere broken heart, more than II Samuel 12:13?

14. God “took away” David’s sin. But because of the contempt shown (blasphemy), what was the first consequence of David’s sin?

15. God was quick to forgive David after his confession. According to 1 John 1:9, what will He do for us?

16. The consequences of David’s sin began to unfold. See Galatians 6:7. Think about ways one may be “reaping” today as a result of “sowing” disobedience to God in the past.

17. How did David respond to the death of his son?

18. David accepted God’s will. Study Micah 7:7-9. Write this in your own words. Be ready to share what comfort this can bring to our lives.

19. David and Bathsheba had a second son.

 a. What was his name?

 b. What additional facts are given concerning him?