**WEEK 9 | 2 SAMUEL 13 – 18 | EFFECT OF SIN: ON OTHERS**

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Who is your favorite TV family? Why?

Read 2 Samuel 12:9-12

* How did we see this (God’s judgement on David) play out in our study this week?
* How did David’s sin affect others, particularly his own family?
* Do you think David was unwilling to judge / act against Amnon and Absalom because of his own past sins?
* While David had been forgiven, he still faced the consequences of his sin as did his family and others. Does this change your view of God? Does this change your view of the seriousness of sin?

Read Proverbs 3:11-12, Hebrews 12:3-11, and 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

* What do these verses teach about God’s discipline?
* How does this relate to our study?

Read 2 Samuel 12:13, Romans 6:23, 2 Corinthians 5:21, and Isaiah 53:10

* What do we learn about the ultimate consequence of sin and who paid that price?
* What do we learn about God’s grace?

**Application**: How might realizing the fact that my sin could very well impact others change my view of sin?

None of us live in a vacuum, and as Christians particularly, we should be aware people are watching us. Does that intimidate you or excite you? We need to continually be examining ourselves to see if there is anything that might be a stumbling block to others.

* Read Romans 14:13 and 1 Corinthians 8:9. What do these scriptures tell us to do?

**Application**: How can you be a better example of Jesus’ love starting this week? Are you living your life as a stumbling block to new or non-Christians? What can you do to change this?