

HOME GROUP

Leader Guide



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SHARE THE VISION (<10 minutes)

As you start your group time, please be sure to discuss the following important topics listed below. This is key to keeping OneLifers informed.

FAMILY FOOTBALL DAY

The University of Tennessee has given us a chance to attend a football game together as a church! The game versus UT-Chattanooga is on October 11 and will cost OneLifers only \$21 per ticket! We will also have a free tailgate on campus that day before the game. Buy your tickets today in the Green Room or at onelifeknox.com/football.

ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A ONELIFE PARTNER?

If you would like to join OneLife Church and officially become one of our partners, come to one of our Partnership Classes. These classes are limited in size and will be led by Pastor Rodney. In these sessions you will learn more about the history, values, beliefs, and vision for OneLife Church and be given the opportunity to commit in an official capacity as one of our partners! The next class is at the Powell Campus on Wednesday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m. For more information and to RSVP, go to www.onelifeknox.com/partner or contact your campus pastor!

STUDENT MINISTRY – OCTOBER

If you have a student who is in 6th – 12th grade, then make sure they come check out small groups that are just for them! Student groups meet at both campuses on the first three Sunday nights of the month at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact your campus pastor.

SERVE THE CITY – AGAPE OUTREACH HOME

We're looking for a home group to step up and help Agape Outreach Home in Fountain City host their annual fall festival with their residents. Agape specializes in inpatient care and rehabilitation for individuals with mental illness and disability. This event provides a fun weekend for the residents! By volunteering at this event, we are freeing their staff to invest in and be with the residents instead of managing games and food! Sign up by emailing dylan@onelifeknox.com.

KEY SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:

See 2 SAMUEL 11:1-26 (NLT) – From This Week’s Sermon

2 SAMUEL 12:1-24 (NLT) – From Today’s Discussion:

So the Lord sent Nathan the prophet to tell David this story: “There were two men in a certain town. One was rich, and one was poor. ² The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. ³ The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children. It ate from the man’s own plate and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. ⁴ One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man’s lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest.”

⁵ David was furious. “As surely as the Lord lives,” he vowed, “any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! ⁶ He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity.”

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, “You are that man! The Lord, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. ⁸ I gave you your master’s house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah.

And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more. ⁹ Why, then, have you despised the word of the Lord and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife. ¹⁰ From this time on, your family will live by the sword because you have despised me by taking Uriah’s wife to be your own.

¹¹ “This is what the Lord says: Because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you. I will give your wives to another man before your very eyes, and he will go to bed with them in public view. ¹² You did it secretly, but I will make this happen to you openly in the sight of all Israel.”

¹³ Then David confessed to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

Nathan replied, “Yes, but the Lord has forgiven you, and you won’t die for this sin. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, because you have shown utter contempt for the word of the Lord by doing this, your child will die.”

¹⁵ After Nathan returned to his home, the Lord sent a deadly illness to the child of David and Uriah’s wife. ¹⁶ David begged God to spare the child. He went without food and lay all night on the bare ground. ¹⁷ The elders of his household pleaded with him to get up and eat with them, but he refused.

¹⁸ Then on the seventh day the child died. David’s advisers were afraid to tell him. “He wouldn’t listen to reason while the child was ill,” they said. “What drastic thing will he do when we tell him the child is dead?”

¹⁹ When David saw them whispering, he realized what had happened. “Is the child dead?” he asked.

“Yes,” they replied, “he is dead.”

²⁰ Then David got up from the ground, washed himself, put on lotions, and changed his clothes. He went to the Tabernacle and worshiped the Lord. After that, he returned to the palace and was served food and ate.

²¹ His advisers were amazed. “We don’t understand you,” they told him. “While the child was still living, you wept and refused to eat. But now that the child is dead, you have stopped your mourning and are eating again.”

²² David replied, “I fasted and wept while the child was alive, for I said, ‘Perhaps the Lord will be gracious to me and let the child live.’” ²³ But why should I fast when he is dead? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him one day, but he cannot return to me.”

²⁴ Then David comforted Bathsheba, his wife, and slept with her. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son, and David named him Solomon.

The Lord loved the child ²⁵ and sent word through Nathan the prophet that they should name him Jedidiah (which means “beloved of the Lord”), as the Lord had commanded.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM HANDOUT (35 Minutes)

Jog Your Memory:

- The Lie: “It’s Just Sex”
- Our sin always hurts us *and others*; especially our sexual sin.
- The consequences of hiding sin are far greater than the consequences of confessing it
- Confession = agreeing with God
- Agreeing with God = Healing
- Once David confessed his sin, God extended GRACE – which is the opposite of what we deserve.

1. As a kid, what was something funny that you hid from your parents? In the end, how did it work out? Did they find out despite your best effort to hide it? Did you tell them later, as an adult and laugh about it? Or, were you the type who confessed it immediately? As a parent, how have your kids attempted to hide things from you?

Today’s topic is potentially a heavy one, so this is a great light-hearted way to introduce the topic. We’ve all had an experience like this, so if you’ve got time, you can even go around the room and give everyone a chance to respond.

Take a few minutes and think of a good example from your own life to get the conversation going.

2. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-14. What were the consequences of David’s sins in this passage; who did it affect? Are there consequences for every sin, or just certain sins? What did it take for David to recognize his own sin? Is it easy or difficult to see sin in others? In ourselves? Why or why not? Check out 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 and James 5:19-20.

The bottom line of this question is: our sin has consequences.

You can start this question off looking for the answers in the passage, so that everyone has a chance to answer. Then, help the group realize that there are consequences for our sins.

Our lives aren’t really that different from David’s after all. Like David, we all do things that displease God and separate us from him, we try to conceal it and clean up our mess on our own, and it often takes a loving friend or trusted advisor to point it out to us. Just like David experienced, our sin makes a mess in our lives (broken marriages; loss of wealth, property or income; broken relationships with our kids or parents; death of someone else; bad reputation with others).

3. Read 2 Samuel 12:13-25. David confessed his sin to Nathan. What was the result – good or bad? What caused David to finally confess? What makes confessing sin to other people so difficult? Is it enough to confess only to God, or is it good for us to confess to other people as well (James 5:16)? What is the ultimate result of confession (James 5:16)?

The bottom line for this question is: confession leads to healing.

As you lead this question, be careful that the group doesn't begin to feel like you're fishing for a juicy confession. In fact confession needs to be a private matter with a trusted friend or advisor, not a public matter in the court of opinion. Stick to the principle: hiding our sins leads to more damage than confessing our sin.

Why do we hide sin from others? Why is it easy to confess to God, but difficult to confess to other people? Much of the time, we fear man more than we fear God. We can't bear the thought of our friends, family, co-workers/bosses, or church members finding out about the mess in our lives because we are overly concerned about what they'll think, or we're worried about breaking their heart. Yet, confessing to someone else seems to be a part of the process of healing. God describes us as part of one body (1 Corinthians 12:22-28), so we can't do life alone. We were designed to live in such a way that we are accountable to each other.

This is a great opportunity to help the group realize why we're all in a home group in the first place – so that we don't have to do life alone.

4. Read 2 Samuel 12:24-25. David experiences grace. What aspects of David's story are examples of grace? What aspects of your own story are examples of grace? Why or why not? Like David, how does God's grace in our lives set us up to live on mission in the world around us? What are ways that we can give grace to others?

This question is to drive home the point that no matter how bad our past (or present) may seem that God stands ready and willing to heal us from sin and use us to make a difference. It would be easy for any of us to look at our lives and conclude that God won't be able to love us or use us; but, that's not what happened in this story. Help the group

Check out these verses and see if the group can identify the examples of grace. How have you seen them work in your life or someone you know? How can you apply these principles in order to extend grace to others?

- 2 Peter 3:9

- Hebrews 12:5-7
- Romans 8:28
- Romans 12:14-18

END YOUR TIME PRAYING TOGETHER (10 Minutes)