

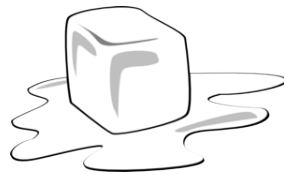
# DIG DEEPER STUDY GUIDE

**Sermon Title:** The Sin

**Sermon Series:** From Shepherd to King

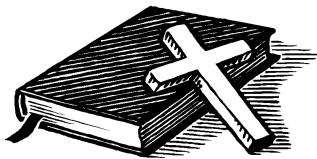
**Sermon Scripture:** 2 Samuel 11:1-17

**Sermon Synopsis:** It would be easy to look at David's life thus far and put him on a pedestal. However, just as we are flawed and sinful, so was David. David failed miserably. Temptation and sin come to all of us, and the story of David and Bathsheba shows us how far sin can progress.



## ICEBREAKER

What is your favorite Christmas tradition?



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Read Romans 7:15-25 out loud to the Group.



What in the world is going on in these verses?!

How do you relate to Paul, the author of the book of Romans?

We are going to spend some time going through the story of David and Bathsheba and examine five ways that sin fights.

Have someone read 2 Samuel 11:1-2

**1. Sin is lurking and always ready to pounce. We are most prone to temptation when we are not where we are supposed to be.**

Where does sin lurk in your life? What are some times, locations, or states of mind when you are more susceptible to temptation?

2 Samuel 11:3 says, “and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, ‘She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.’”

**2. Sin will lie to you.**

Eliam (Bathsheba’s father) and Uriah (Bathsheba’s husband) were two of David’s 30 Mighty Men, his friends, his boys that always had his back.

How has sin lied to you?



Have someone read 2 Samuel 11:3-4

**3. Sin blinds you from reality. Sin will cost you far more in the future than it would satisfy you in the present.**

Have someone read 2 Samuel 11:5-11

**4. Sin always escalates.**

Have someone read 2 Samuel 11:12-17

**5. Sin needs to be covered up.**

When did David's sin start? How many sins did he commit in this one story from his life? How did it go from looking at a woman to committing murder?

Sin has been covered up. Sin has been nailed to the cross and Jesus already won the battle. So stay close to Jesus, stay connected to Him. The Enemy may take a blow or two at me and every now and then he'll connect, hopefully less and less the more we follow Jesus, but he will still connect from time to time, because we are still sinners, but ultimately because Jesus is with us, we're going to win the fight. We will not defeat sin by your own strength, but we will defeat sin through the strength, and the blood of Jesus Christ.





## **PRAYER**

If you are in a Small Group, take individual prayer requests from everyone. Then take some time to pray out loud for the people in your Small Group.

