



Purley Baptist Church

Discipleship Guide 7th March 2021 Courage for life - 2 Samuel 12:1-10

This Week's BIG IDEA: Being Courageous is easier when you have someone you trust and the creator of the whole universe standing behind you. Nathan's courage unlocks something wonderful in David. It leads to repentance and a change of heart. David receives God's forgiveness and he is restored (Psalm 51). David is put on the right path and restored to usefulness in the kingdom.

CONNECT IN: Icebreaker question:

What is a good thing happening in your life right now? What makes it good?

CONNECT UP: Fix your eyes on God and give him an opportunity to speak to you through his Word.

Read 2 Samuel 12:1-10

- 1) What is the context of this passage?
- 2) Why do you think Nathan uses story to confront David's sin?
- 3) 'David burned with anger' (v 5). What was David's state of mind as Nathan came to speak to him?

Nathan doesn't know how David will respond. Nathan was taking a dangerous risk in speaking truth into the relationship. David could have executed him.

- 4) How would you feel if God asked you to confront someone like this? Has this ever happened to you? How can this be conducted in a biblical way? (Matthew 15:18-20)
- 5) When was the last time you were rebuked? How did you take it?
- 6) How can we make sure we put ourselves into relationships of accountability where we have an open channel to speak truth in love to each other?

Pray

- For intimate relationships with one another which create opportunities to be transparent and accountable to each other.
- To be "quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19)
- For the upcoming Alpha course (starting 24th March https://www.purleybaptist.org/Groups/357245/Equip_Groups.aspx). Is there someone you could bring along?