

Only Murders in the Bible Week 3 – David Kills Uriah Discussion & Reflection Guide

Message & Scripture Discussion

- What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the words, "repent" or "repentance?"
- What stood out to you from Sunday's service? How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the story video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- At the beginning of the message, Eddie shared that "Repentance is a friend we can't live without" and "repentance is an essential step on the pathway to true transformation."
 How would you describe your experience of repentance in your spiritual life so far?
- Look over the story of David in 2 Samuel 11 and 12. Read the exchange between David and the prophet, Nathan, in 2 Samuel 12. This may be a familiar story to you, but **what stands out to you today from this story?**
- In the message, Eddie gave this definition for repentance: "repentance is killing the attitudes and habits that are killing me." How do you react to that? Have you ever experienced that in your life? What was it like?
- Do you have any attitudes or habits that are killing you? Read Colossians 3:5, 8-9. What does killing those things look like practically?
- Eddie offered two takeaways to consider from this message and some questions for each:
 - o We need to welcome correction from courageous, godly friends.
 - Is there anyone with the spiritual courage and moral clarity to deliver a message like that to you? Or have you avoided and eliminated all the prophetic voices in your life?
 - To whom have you given permission to call you to repent?
 - o Repentance is often relational, but it is ultimately spiritual.
 - Do I see my sin as offensive to God?
 - Is there unconfessed sin in my life? How is that affecting my connection to God?
- Read Psalm 51 slowly. Let David's prayer of repentance become your prayer. Are there any words or phrases from this Scripture that you can pray today?
- Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?

Message Main Points & Scripture

Anger

- Redemption
- Today's keyword is repentance.
- Repentance is a friend you can't live without.
- Romans 6:4 "For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ
 was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live
 NEW LIVES."
- 2 Samuel 11:11 "The Ark and the armies of Israel and Judah are living in tents, and Joab and my master's men are camping in the open fields. How could I go home to wine and dine and sleep with my wife? I swear that I would never do such a thing."
- God confronted David through the prophet Nathan.
- 2 Samuel 12:7 "You are that man!"
- Psalm 51:1-3 "Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night."
- Repentance is killing the attitudes and habits that are killing me.
- Colossians 3:5-9 "So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy... now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. Don't lie to each other..."
- We need to welcome correction from courageous, godly friends.
- Galatians 4:16 "Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?"
- Proverbs 27:5-6 "An open rebuke is better than hidden love. Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy."
- Proverbs 28:23 "In the end, people appreciate honest criticism far more than flattery."
- Repentance is often relational, but it is ultimately spiritual.
- Psalm 51:4 "Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just."
- Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Write It Down – Do you want to grow in your ability to experience God at work in your life? The habit of writing down notes through journaling is a great way to slow down and keep track of what you're learning and observing. We created a simple journal with examples of ways to take notes (Sunday worship notes, daily reflection, prayer requests, and more). Learn more about this and other resources at wschurch.org/resources.