

Family

God's design for humanity—a covenant community broken by sin, restored through Christ, and called to display His glory to the world.



WEEK 2

FAMILY DISRUPTED

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four crucial components for a group to maintain its health: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, you will study the biblical passage in three steps: observation, interpretation, and application. As the group leader, you are free to use any part of this guide that can assist you in achieving this goal.

CONNECT

- What are your thoughts and feelings regarding the wind-down of summer?
- What's a difficult situation you observed in someone else's family (only if you can share it anonymously)? What do you think caused the trouble?
- Regarding David from the Bible, what's one good moment from his life you're aware of, and what's one bad moment you're aware of?

INTRODUCTION

Last week we looked at God's beautiful and wise design for family. This week we're going to look at what breaks it apart. King David is one of the most storied characters in Scripture, and his life is worthy emulating in many ways. His family life, however, takes many disastrous turns. The question is, how can this man—a man after God's own heart—have experiences in his family that are so broken. When we look at these disastrous scenes, we see a thread of tolerated sin and neglected righteousness. In the midst of the disaster, however, are signs of God's grace.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: 2 Samuel 13:1–2,20–22

The story of Amnon and Tamar is difficult to read, and one can only imagine how Amnon's actions harmed David's family. What was Amnon's error? What was David's error? What would righteous actions have been?

Read: 2 Samuel 11:1–5

Before Amnon's sexual sin, there was David's sexual sin. In these verses, as well as in the rest of the chapter, where do you see tolerated sin and neglected righteousness?

Read: 2 Samuel 12:24-25

In the midst of the disaster, the LORD sets his love upon Solomon. What is the importance of these verses in the middle of the disastrous stories about David's family?

APPLICATION

- In light of David and Amnon's actions, what have you learned about handling sin in your own life?
- (Real talk alert) Are there any areas of tolerated sin or neglected righteousness in your own life right now?
- How does God's willingness to graciously love David's family shape the way you think about hard family situations?
- Christians know that God has set his love upon them because he has done so in Christ. How can this good news empower you to flee from sin and embrace holiness?

PRAYER

- Praise God for setting his love upon us in Christ.
- Humbly acknowledge our weakness and our need for grace.
- Ask God for eyes to see trouble coming a long way off.

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