

LIFE Group Guide
Prophet
April 7, 2019
II Samuel 12:1-10



Prayer Request: Thank the Father for his holiness and justice. Rejoice in the gift of the Son, who pays the penalty for our sins. Pray that the Holy Spirit would expose areas of unexamined sin in your hearts.

Icebreaker Question(s): What is one of your favorite things about spring?

Read II Samuel 12:1-10:

12 And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶ and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

⁷ Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁸ And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’”

Discussion Questions:

1. As you heard the word of God preached or read, what did the Holy Spirit remind you of, challenge you with, convict you of, or encourage you in? Did you have any questions or was anything unclear?
2. Read II Samuel 12:1-10. The LORD sent Nathan as a prophet to rebuke David over his sin. What does this episode show us about Nathan's role as prophet, and the LORD's means of dealing with human sin?
3. The LORD knew and exposed David's sin. Have you ever tried to cover up something you did, and then later on God made it known? What happened?
4. Are there any sins you are currently hiding which you need to repent of and bring to light? If so, what practical steps will you take to confess these sins and, if necessary, reconcile with those you have sinned against?
5. What is the status of the LORD's relationship with David at the end of this story? How does it show us both the LORD's graciousness and justice?
6. Have you ever wished that God would speak to you? Why or why not?
7. Read II Peter 1:16-21. In your own words, how would you describe what it was like for a prophet to receive a word from God? To whom do the prophets point?

Prayer: O LORD, you search us and know us! You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts from afar. You search out our paths and our lying down and are acquainted with all our ways. Even before words are on our tongues, behold, O LORD, you know them altogether. Search us, O God, and know our hearts! Try us and know our thoughts! See if there are any grievous ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting! (*Adapted from Psalm 139*)