2 Samuel 12:7-25 (6/1/2025)

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ 2 Samuel 12:7-25

1. Reflecting back to the sins that David committed in Chapter 11, who would say that David sinned against?

In light of **Verses 7-9**, as well as **Psalm 51:4** (*Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight...*), talk about how David seemed to understand his sins.

2. Since Nathan (speaking for God) tells David that the Lord has forgiven him (Verse 13), how do you understand what God is saying in **Verses 10-12**? How does this fit?

Talk about the distinction between "Punishment" and "Consequences"...

- 3. Looking at **Verse 14** ("*Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die.*"), What other purpose might the death of this son serve in David's life, other than punishment?
- 4. Can you think of (remember) any instances, in your life, where the Lord allowed (even brought into your life) something difficult, and you can now see that He was doing "surgery" on some part of your heart? Would you feel comfortable sharing something of this with the group?

Reflect on Romans 8:28-29

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

And on **Philippians 1:6**

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Consider praying for one another, that God will continue, and complete, His work in you, to conform you after the image of Jesus...