

Sermon Discussion Guide

“Close & Connected: Repent and Lament”

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Big Idea

Repenting and lamenting, both aspects of prayer, are born out of hardship. Engaging in them help us to be more close and connected with others and with God.



Icebreaker

Describe a time where going through a hard season with another actually drew you into a closer relationship with them.



Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-7a (through “You are the man!”). Recap together the events of 2 Samuel 11, which proceed the scene we just read. What did it take of Nathan to be able to have the 2 Samuel 12 conversation with David? Was this easy for Nathan, why or why not? Would it have been easy for you, why or why not? Why is it important to be willing to be used of God in the way Nathan was used?
2. The way in which Nathan presented this to David was nothing short of masterful. Why would one say it was masterful? Read Galatians 6:1. What is to be the manner by which we restore someone per this verse? Why do you think the Lord encourages us to do so in such a manner? Do you feel Nathan did so with David in such a manner? Was it effective with David, and if so, why? Do you personally think this approach works in all situations? Why or why not?
3. Read 2 Samuel 12:7b-12. Whose message was Nathan assigned to share with David? Was it an easy message for him to share? Why do you think it was important that this portion of message be share with David in addition to the parable? We have all been “the man/woman” in our own sin. When you have done so, or if you were to do so, what blessings from the Lord may you be putting at risk by not choosing God-honoring choices consistently?
4. Read 2 Samuel 12:13. In this brief statement, David is demonstrating repentance. In your own words what do you feel repentance is, and is it different than something like regret, and if so, how? The sermon confirmed that repentance is demonstrated not just by words, but in action. What may those actions look like? And why is action important in true repentance?
5. Read 2 Samuel 12:16. An action David took following repentance was lamenting. In your own words, what does lamenting prayer look like and what is its purpose? What is something in your life, or the world, that you see as “*not lining up with God’s character*” that you need to bring to the attention of God more intentionally and consistently being reminded of His character and trusting that He has the power to move in? Is there an example where you have done this in the past and seen God move by either changing you or the situation?



Concluding Question

Anything to share that the Lord revealed to you in our time of repenting & lamenting during church?



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer

- Help us to be brave by pursuing repentance as a community & comfortable in lamenting.