

SESSION

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SEE THE WORTH IN OTHERS

▶ THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

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▶ THE POINT

When we see others as Christ sees them, we will treat them as He does.

▶ THE PASSAGE

2 Samuel 11:1-9,14-17

THE SETTING

Up to this point in his life, David faithfully served the Lord as he sought to please Him in all he did. Previously, God Himself declared David's heart mirrored God's own heart (1 Sam. 13:14). However as David experienced success over Israel's enemies, his passionate focus on God diminished. This led to a downward spiral during which this man of God stooped to commit a series of shocking and atrocious evils.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

2 SAMUEL 11:1-9,14-17

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PREPARE

LEADER LIVE IT OUT

1

See the Worth in Others | 2 Samuel 11:1-9,14- 17

David loved God. He was submissive and obedient to the point that Scripture refers to David as *a man after God's own heart*. However, David wasn't perfectly consistent in His pursuit of God, and he bought sin's lie that happiness could be found by using others to fulfill his selfish desires.

In today's individualistic and success-oriented culture, it's easy to allow our focus to be drawn away from eternal things and toward personal temporal goals. When this happens, we may fail to regard people as bearers of God's image, and instead see them as objects to be used in taking the next step forward. Of course, we'd never do this intentionally and in the worst ways, but we could all grow in loving others and seeing people as God does.

► **This week, pray God would help you have the heart and mind of Christ. The One who loved others to the point of laying down His life.**

Prepare: While you prepare for this session, it is critical to allow the truth of Scripture to challenge your heart. God works in our hearts as we teach others His Word.

ONE CONVERSATION™

2

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:1-9,14- 17

Topic: See the Worth in Others

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THE POINT: When we see others as Christ sees them, we will treat them as He does.

- When has your opinion of someone changed in a good way?
- Why is it often difficult for us to see the value in others?
- What are some warning signs that we are viewing people as objects or obstacles?

Discuss the following quote: "This book will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from this book."¹—D. L. Moody

1. Hugh F. Pyle, *The Good Ship Courtship* (Murfreesboro, Tennessee: Sword of the Lord, 2000), 25.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out in the Personal Study Guide.

Here are some ways you can encourage your students to live out their faith with Christ personally, in community, and in their culture:

- **Christ:** Talk with your student this week about the ways we can reflect Jesus' love.
- **Community:** Discuss with your student ways that he or she can be a better friend. List a few ways he or she can serve a specific friend this week.
- **Culture:** Broken relationships can harm our witness. Pray with your student over any broken relationships and encourage him or her to respond in a humble way.

Follow Up: Don't forget to text a picture of the **One Conversation** section to parents or post it on Facebook and tag them after the session. This will equip them for further family discussion.



ENGAGE (15 MINUTES)

THE POINT WHEN WE SEE OTHERS AS CHRIST SEES THEM, WE WILL TREAT THEM AS HE DOES.



THE POINT

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WHEN WE SEE OTHERS AS CHRIST SEES THEM, WE WILL TREAT THEM AS HE DOES.

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THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

THE MOST DANGEROUS TRICK IN MAGIC IS THE BULLET CATCH. THIS EFFECT, IN WHICH A PERFORMER CATCHES A MARKED BULLET BETWEEN HIS TEETH, HAS KILLED TWELVE MAGICIANS AND WOUNDED MANY MORE.¹

Many of you have a younger brother or sister. Because these little guys and gals aren't wise to the ways of the world, we can do things like pull quarters out of their ears or take off their noses, and they believe it. With no practice whatsoever, in their eyes, you're the world's greatest illusionist.

Similarly, the world seeks to deceive all people, in order to keep us from seeing God's truth. We're told that personal happiness is the highest pursuit, and that it's acceptable to take advantage of others to get ahead.

By the time your little brother is seven years old, he's onto you. He knows the truth and the illusion has vanished. Learning to see others as God sees them is much the same. We pass from spiritual youth to maturity when we see the world's deceit and recognize the value in others—those created in God's image and worthy of honor. When we see this, relationships change.

Unfortunately, King David gave us a tragic example of what happens when we buy into the lie and fail to see people as God does. Let's learn from his error.

1 Engage: Begin the session with one or more of the **Engage Options** on the next page (optional).

2 Discuss: Ask students, "When has your opinion of someone changed in a good way?"

3 Guide: Call attention to **The Point**. Keep coming back to it throughout the session.

4 Read: Summarize the **Bible Meets Life** for your group.

5 Pray: Spend a moment praying that God would help students see others as He does—people made in His image, whom He loves greatly and for whom Jesus died.

ENGAGE OPTIONS

LEAD WITH ACTION

Divide the students into two teams and select one “clue-giver” from each team to come to the front. Give clue-givers each a list of 10 celebrities (must be different names on each list). One at a time, the clue-giver will describe the celebrities while the teammates attempt to correctly guess as many names as possible in 90 seconds. The team with the most correct answers wins a prize. Say, **“We tend to base our view of people on outward appearances, but the Bible teaches that every person is made in the image of God and has immense value.”**

LEAD WITH ATMOSPHERE

Encourage students to sit with others outside of their normal group of friends (different ages, interests, students they may not know, etc.). Say, **“God calls us to love everyone, despite any differences we may have.”**

LEAD WITH MEDIA

Search the Internet for “Don’t judge by appearance - YouTube bench press video.” Play the video as you begin the session. Say, **“It’s easy to base our view of someone on our first impressions, but the Bible says that there is value in every person.”**

NOTE: Always make sure you preview any video clip you show students and ensure that it is appropriate for your church and ministry.

SECOND OPTION

Give each student a piece of paper and a pen. Give students three minutes to talk with as many other students as possible and write one unique positive thing about each person. Give a prize to the student with the most positive statements. Say, “If we take the time to get to know the people around us, we can begin to see others the way Jesus does.”

LEADER PACK ELEMENTS

If you have the optional Leader Pack, consider one of the following:

DVD: Play the *Unit 1 Session 4 DVD* opener to introduce the session and get everyone on the same page.

Item 1: Consider using the *Unit 1 Relationship Status* poster to further connect the session with the unit.



IMPART (10 MINUTES)

THE POINT WHEN WE SEE OTHERS AS CHRIST SEES THEM, WE WILL TREAT THEM AS HE DOES.

- 1 Ask:** Ask the question and encourage students to respond.
- 2 Read:** Ask a student to read the passage.
- 3 Discuss:** Introduce the section and invite students to discuss the question.
- 4 Highlight:** Summarize these paragraphs, highlighting the points.
- 5 Connect:** Help students understand how to apply what they're learning.
- 6 Engage:** Encourage students to share via social media.

1 WHY IS IT OFTEN DIFFICULT FOR US TO SEE THE VALUE IN OTHERS? ?



2 ▶ **2 SAMUEL 11:1-4**

3 Sin comes in all shapes and sizes. And we tend to classify sins. What would you call a big sin versus a small sin?

Many would make the case that David should have been at war. But this isn't necessarily the case. Kings weren't always present at every battle. However, when his eyes lingered on Bathsheba, David was certainly looking in the wrong place.

4 Let's look at the progression of sin in David's life.

▶ **He looked at Bathsheba.** We all see things we shouldn't. When David saw Bathsheba bathing, he could have looked away, but he didn't.

▶ **He asked about Bathsheba.** David found out she was the wife, daughter, and granddaughter of men David knew well.

▶ **He took Bathsheba.** With a total disregard for Bathsheba, as well as her family (people David loved), David abused his kingly authority to fulfill his lust.

5 Some sins are out in the open. Some we think we can hide. But one thing is true about all sin—it starts in the heart. Even though all sin is a rebellion against God, sin tends to progress, becoming worse and worse. And this applies to the ways we see people. When we walk with Christ, it helps us see others as God does.

6 *One thing is true about all sin—it starts in the heart.* #rel8status 

COMMENTARY

2 SAMUEL 11:1-4

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Verse 1. Military campaigns came in the spring after the winter rainy season. The several months prior to harvest time would have provided for the maximum number of able-bodied men available to join the fighting until they would need to return to their fields back home. The writer noted that it was springtime when kings go off to battle. David dispatched Joab and mobilized the entire Israelite army and his royal guard to war against the Ammonites. However, David remained in Jerusalem.

Verse 2. With Joab handling the military campaign and the homeland quite secure, David could just sit back and relax. After rising from one of those late-afternoon rests, David walked around on the roof of the palace. Flat roofs, common in the architecture of the day, provided places for relaxation in the comparative comfort of cool breezes. David's house had probably been built on the highest point within the city, and from his rooftop he would have had a commanding view of the city. At some point he saw a woman bathing in her own enclosed courtyard that surrounded her home. Since no Israelite house would have had indoor plumbing, bathing often took place within the privacy of an enclosed courtyard. The sight of a very beautiful woman bathing aroused David's flesh so that he lusted after her.

Verse 3. David sent someone to find out about the woman, because in his heart he had already planned how he might set up a rendezvous. The woman was Bathsheba and she was from a prominent family. She was the daughter of Eliam, the granddaughter of Ahithophel (one of David's most trusted counselors, 2 Samuel 16:23), and the wife of Uriah the Hittite, one of David's most honorable soldiers. This should have stopped David cold in his tracks; nevertheless, he burned with lust. David could have ended the temptation by walking away, but he lingered.

Tip: When teaching through difficult passages of Scripture, take time to help students but don't spend more time than is necessary on one area of the session.

Verse 4. David, the man after God's heart, went against his own heart and followed through on a lustful impulse. He craved Bathsheba, so he sent messengers to get her. The Hebrew word can mean simply "to get, receive, or acquire" or it can also be translated "lay hold of, to seize, or to take away." No doubt, David sent these messengers to retrieve Bathsheba and to bring her to his palace so he might sleep with her. David should have known better. The omission of any motive on Bathsheba's part placed the focus of this episode on David's impure motives. David slept with her. He fulfilled his lustful desires. David used Bathsheba for his own selfish desires. He failed to value Bathsheba as a person, and he destroyed the sanctity of her marriage to her husband, Uriah.

God calls us to purity. To live pure lives means we must be moved to love people the way Christ loves them. Christ calls us to love people, not use them.



IMPART (10 MINUTES)

THE POINT WHEN WE SEE OTHERS AS CHRIST SEES THEM, WE WILL TREAT THEM AS HE DOES.

1 Do: Ask students to read the quote and write their thoughts. Discuss as a group.

2 Read: Invite a student to read the passage aloud.

3 Summarize: Share your thoughts on this section.

4 Ask: Encourage students to respond to the question.

5 Summarize: Share about these two paragraphs.

6 Connect: Help students to see that no one is above using people and we are to see others as God does.

2 ▶ **2 SAMUEL 11:5-9**

3 The progression of David's sin had only begun. Shortly after his rendezvous with Bathsheba, David received a distressing message: "I'm pregnant!" He had the opportunity to humble himself and take responsibility for his sin. But instead, David devised a plan to cover up his adultery.

5 Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, was one of Israel's best warriors. David called for Uriah to be sent home with updates on the battle, a menial task for an accomplished soldier. When Uriah arrived, David encouraged him to spend the night with Bathsheba. After all, what soldier wouldn't want a break from war to be with his wife. If David could just get Uriah to sleep with his wife, everyone would assume the child was his, and all would be well—at least, as far as David was concerned.

However, David had taught his people to obey God's law, and Uriah knew that soldiers were to abstain from sexual intimacy during times of war. Rather than go home, in a sign of great devotion to his king and to God, Uriah slept outside David's door.

6 David, the one called to be an exemplary leader, is evidence that even a man "after God's own heart" isn't above using people to serve his own ends and sinning in the worst ways.

1 *"We have a strange illusion that mere time cancels sin. But mere time does nothing either to the fact or to the guilt of a sin."* —C. S. Lewis

If we're honest with ourselves, it's abundantly clear that we all regularly sin and fall desperately short of God's standards. Often, we take a time-heals-all-wounds approach, but this isn't the Bible's prescription for dealing with sin. Write down your understanding of what God requires of us when dealing with sin.

4 **WHAT ARE SOME WAYS PEOPLE USE OTHERS FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT?** ?

COMMENTARY

2 SAMUEL 11:5-9

And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab was doing and how the people were doing and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. 2 SAMUEL 11:5-9

Verse 5. Look out for the needs and interests of others. It appears as though Bathsheba never entered David's mind after their encounter. His secret hit a snag when Bathsheba discovered she had conceived and sent him a terse message: "I am pregnant." The only recorded words of Bathsheba in the entire episode must have hit David like a ton of bricks.

Verses 6-7. Calling on his abilities as a tactician, David immediately devised a plan to cover up his sin. He sent word to Joab calling Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, home from the battlefield on the pretext of asking him how Joab and the troops fared. When Uriah arrived, David carried out the charade by asking about the welfare of Joab and the troops.

Verses 8-9. After exchanging some other pleasantries, David moved to the real reason for bringing Uriah home. He had a single purpose—to cover up his sin. David ordered Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." David had no concern for Uriah's personal hygiene; he had a single focus on his own reputation. When one entered his house, he usually removed his shoes and washed his feet in preparation for eating and going to bed. David even sweetened the deal by sending a gift, perhaps food and wine from his own table, so the couple could enjoy a relaxing evening together.

So David's scheme included bringing Bathsheba's husband home temporarily, ordering him to spend one intimate night with his wife, then dispatching him back to Rabbah. Approximately nine months later, Bathsheba would have her baby, Uriah would be elated, and David would be in the clear.

However, Uriah never left the king's house, choosing to sleep at the door to the palace with all the servants of his lord. This faithful soldier and servant of the king would not enjoy a night alone with his wife; rather, he joined with others who guarded the king's life. Ultimately, Uriah's refusal to have sexual contact with his wife expressed his devotion to the Lord. He understood the heart of God's law and wanted to keep himself ready for service. In order to have the Lord's blessing for success, he needed to refrain from all sexual contact (see 1 Sam. 21:5). Having sexual relations with Bathsheba would have disqualified Uriah temporarily from serving in the Lord's army (see Lev. 15:18).

In the morning, informants had an amazing report: Uriah didn't go home (2 Sam. 11:10). David gently rebuked Uriah, but his words smell of hypocrisy. Uriah responded that he could not possibly lie with his wife in the comforts of his home while his comrades remained in the field. Besides, the ark and Israel stayed in tents. He absolutely refused to give in to his desires while David's army camped in the open field. His words should have shocked David into a realization of the depth of his sin and left his heart in tatters.

Instead, David became desperate. So the next evening, David invited Uriah for dinner and made him drunk. David thought he controlled the situation. But even drunk, Uriah would not violate his conscience and staggered out to bed down in the servants' quarters again.



IMPART (10 MINUTES)

THE POINT WHEN WE SEE OTHERS AS CHRIST SEES THEM, WE WILL TREAT THEM AS HE DOES.

1 Do: Allow students time to finish the optional **Action Point** (p. 40) in the PSG.

2 Ask: Read the question and invite students to share their thoughts.

3 Read: Invite a student to read the passage for the group.

4 Summarize: Share your thoughts on this section.

5 Highlight: Emphasize these points in regard to David's choices.

6 Do: Direct students to complete the **Action Point**. Discuss your answers as a group.

2 WHAT ARE SOME WARNING SIGNS THAT WE ARE VIEWING PEOPLE AS OBJECTS OR OBSTACLES? ?

3 ▶ **2 SAMUEL 11:14-17**


Uriah was loyal to David in the fullest sense. Tragically, David didn't give the same in return. Because the plan hadn't worked to have Uriah sleep with Bathsheba, David resorted to Plan B. He wrote a letter to Joab, and although David didn't share his reasoning, his intentions were clear: "Put Uriah at the front of the fiercest fighting, then withdraw from him so that he is struck down and dies."

5 It's hard to believe that the same man who wouldn't lay a hand on Saul would make these choices. Let's look back and see how we got here:

- ▶ **David faced temptation when he saw Bathsheba bathing, but rather than resisting, he indulged himself.**
- ▶ **David saw Bathsheba as an object to be used for his pleasure.**
- ▶ **Likewise, David saw Uriah as a bother rather than a brother.**
- ▶ **During it all, David failed to see himself or others as God does.**

David may not have placed the needs of others before his own, but we can. We can see people as Christ sees them. We can treat them with the dignity and worth Christ has given them. We can be like Jesus in our relationships.

6 **ACTION POINT**



The Angry Birds Movie is about a bird named Red who is always angry. Even though all Red really wants is to be a good guy and fit in, the other birds see him only as the bird who's always angry. But because Red is their friend, they stick with him despite his weaknesses.

God has called us to love everyone, even when it's difficult. Jesus perfectly displayed this by choosing to love people even when they were killing Him.

▶ **How will you show kindness this week to someone who may be hard for you to love?**

COMMENTARY

2 SAMUEL 11:14-17

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Verse 14. What an agonizing night David must have had. He would not know if his scheme worked until the next morning. After two failed efforts to make it appear Uriah had fathered Bathsheba's child, David changed tactics. Believing his only course of action was to have Uriah killed in action, David compounded his sin of adultery with murder. With Uriah out of the way, David could marry widowed Bathsheba and raise the child as his own. David's sin-sickness had made him so unhinged he wrote a letter to Joab and made Uriah unwittingly carry his own death warrant under the royal seal.

Verse 15. All that mattered to David was that Uriah become a casualty of war. In his letter, David clearly ordered Joab to arrange Uriah's death. As one of David's mighty men, Uriah would have regularly led a contingent of soldiers and may have been expected to hold a strategic position. However, David's order intentionally placed Uriah in a vulnerable position, ultimately resulting in his death.

Verses 16-17. With Rabbah under siege, Joab and his men only needed to wait out the Ammonites until they either starved or surrendered. Attacking had only one purpose—to eliminate Uriah. Joab followed David's instructions. He ordered Uriah to attack the city where the strongest fighters were stationed. When the battle became fierce, Joab retreated, making Uriah an easy target. He became a casualty of war. Joab knew he could not send Uriah to the city walls alone or it would look suspicious. He sent several of the king's best soldiers into the battle as well. Regrettably, several lost their lives in this needless maneuver. Consequently, David's guilt was compounded by not only being responsible for murdering Uriah, but also for murdering a large number of his best men.

There was no mistaking David's orders to Joab: he wanted Uriah killed in a way that made it look like a simple casualty of war. With Uriah eliminated, he was no longer an obstacle to David's plans. In giving this order to Joab, David made him a part of this conspiracy, making him share the guilt for the spilled blood of Uriah and the other casualties. David's sin continued to encompass more and more people, leading to greater and greater guilt. Without a doubt, this marked the spiritual and moral low in David's life. He demonstrated the opposite of humble service to others as he used people for his purposes.

Tip: Encourage students to examine their lives and identify areas in which they live in the flesh rather than the Spirit.

We should follow the example of Christ, who never manipulated or used people. Rather, He came to serve them. The apostle Paul issued a strong word on unity and humble service in Philippians 2:1-4. He urged believers to follow the example of Christ. Specifically, he called on believers not to do anything out of rivalry and to consider others as more important than themselves (Phil. 2:3). We should look for ways to serve God and others, rather than waiting for or expecting them to serve us. In so doing, we follow the example of Christ.



IMPACT (10 MINUTES)

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LIVE IT OUT

1 Discuss: Read and discuss the quote with students.

2 Guide: The **Christ** portion of the **Live It Out** section encourages students to dig deeply into God's Word and examine their motives for serving others. Remember the **Bible Reading Plan** provides students with a custom reading plan to stay in God's Word and follows along with each session.

1 "THIS BOOK WILL KEEP YOU FROM SIN OR SIN WILL KEEP YOU FROM THIS BOOK."³

— DWIGHT L. MOODY

BIBLE READING PLAN

2 CHRIST

In John 15:12, Jesus teaches that we are to love others as He has loved us. List ways that Jesus loved us, and how you will live this week to reflect Jesus' love.

- DAY 1
PROVERBS 17:1-28
- DAY 2
PROVERBS 18:1-24
- DAY 3
PROVERBS 19:1-29
- DAY 4
PROVERBS 20:1-30
- DAY 5
PROVERBS 21:1-31
- DAY 6
PROVERBS 22:1-16
- DAY 7
PROVERBS 22:17-29

WAYS JESUS LOVED

WAYS I WILL REFLECT JESUS' LOVE



IMPACT



3 COMMUNITY

The church is a group of people who are to live in unity with one another. However, we often mistreat others for selfish purposes. Is there a person in your life you have treated more as an object for your own happiness or called a friend as long as he or she can help you? How will you change your attitudes and behaviors?

➤ **List how you will serve that person this week.**

4 CULTURE

Broken relationships because of our selfishness do great harm to our witness. Is there someone you know who is not a Christian that you're not getting along with?

➤ **How will you humble yourself this week in order to be a witness to him or her?**

3 Guide: As you guide your students through the **Community** section, remember to emphasize the importance of community with believers outside of group.

4 Guide: The **Culture** section equips students to apply this session to their lives every week. Help students see themselves and others through the lens of God's Word to develop a lifestyle of investing in others for the gospel.

5 Pray: Close in prayer inviting God to help students see others through eyes of godly love and that their actions would be driven by this.

6 Follow Up: This week connect with students by sending them a handwritten note to let them know you are praying for them.