

announcements

Partner Class • October 19, 12:30-2:30pm: Where appropriate, challenge your group to make the commitment to the mission of North Rock Hill Church. At Partner Class they can learn about what it means to be an official NRHC Covenant Partner.

Baptism • October 26: Every week, remind your group about upcoming baptisms. Encourage them to let you know if they're interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches about baptism and what it means to take this step of obedience.

30's and 40's singles: Do you know of people in this season of life? If so, please pass along that there is a group planning some social events for them. If they are interested in being in the loop, please pass along their name and email to Allison (allison@northrockhill.com).

2 Samuel 11-12

1. OPEN in prayer

2. WELCOME and **INTRODUCTIONS**

3. REVIEW the dgroup Guidelines

4. ASSIGN A STORYTELLER: Prearrange to have someone in the group tell the story. Give them these guidelines:

- Have the Bible open on your lap without reading it or looking at it. Say, "this is the story from God's Word." This demonstrates reverence and authority for Scripture and makes it clear to others that this is not a made-up story, but rather is a story from God's Word.
- Tell the story as accurately as possible without memorizing it or using notes.
- Avoid giving any personal comments or teaching about the story, the setting, or the meaning.

5. STORYTELLER TELLS THE STORY: Encourage the group to listen for anything that may stand out to them.

6. REBUILD THE STORY: Go around the room and have your group retell/rebuild the story. If your group knows they will be expected to rebuild the story, they will listen more closely and be more invested. Ask them what happened first to get started, then go through the group having everyone add details. This isn't the time for the group to share their own commentary or opinion about the story. That comes later.

7. READ THE STORY: Have someone read the passage aloud from their Bible to ensure accuracy and reinforce key details.

8. DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS:

- a. What do we learn about God from this passage?
- b. What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage?
- c. In this season of your life, which character do you relate to most, and why?
- d. In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?

9. OTHER QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THIS PASSAGE:

- a. David tried to cover his sin instead of confessing it until Nathan confronted him. Where in your life are you tempted to hide or minimize sin rather than bring it into the light before God? *Encourage the group to go beyond generalities—ask: What fears keep you from confession? What would it look like to take a concrete step toward honesty and repentance this week?*
- b. David needed Nathan to speak truth into his life and guide him toward repentance. Who in your life could God use like Nathan to help you see blind spots, confront sin lovingly, and point you back to Him? *Press for specifics: Who can you invite into your life to speak truth? How will you receive their guidance with humility and openness?*

10. PRAYER CHALLENGE

Read Psalm 51:1–10 slowly aloud. Remind them that this psalm was written by David after Nathan confronted him, showing both the weight of sin and the hope of God's mercy.

- a. **Quiet Reflection:** Begin with a moment of silence. Invite each person to bring to mind a specific area where they need God's cleansing—something they've tried to hide, ignore, or fix on their own.
- b. **Scripture Reading:** Ask someone in advance to read slowly Psalm 51:10: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."
- c. **Corporate Prayer:** After the reading, you or someone in the group lead a prayer of repentance and renewal for the group as a whole, acknowledging God's mercy, confessing sin, and asking Him to renew hearts and spirits.
- d. **Ongoing Challenge:** Encourage everyone to pray a similar personal prayer throughout the week, bringing specific sins and struggles to God and asking Him to renew their hearts.

11. ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORYTELLER: 2 Samuel 9