

## **The Darkness of Sin, and the Light of Repentance**

*2 Samuel 12:1-25*

***Sin wants to hide in darkness, but ultimately sin is  
defeated by bringing it into the light!***

- 1.** Sin thrives in secret
- 2.** Sin is destroyed with repentance
- 3.** Forgiven people may still experience sin's consequences
- 4.** True repentance finds true forgiveness, and we must also forgive ourselves

## For Further Study and Reflection

- *Taking Another Look at Bathsheba* paper by Carmen Joy Imes

[bethelchurchak.org/ministries/david-and-bathsheba-paper](http://bethelchurchak.org/ministries/david-and-bathsheba-paper)

- *Forgive* by Tim Keller
- *The Story of Reality* by Gregory Koukl
- *The Cross of Christ* by John Stott

## Small Group Questions:

1. Why do people hide their sin and disobedience? What examples of hiding can you think of throughout scripture?
2. What does hiding sin ultimately accomplish? In what ways does it actually fail?
3. What does David's anger for another's sin, while hiding his own sin, teach us about human nature?
4. Does the word repent have pleasant or harsh connotations for you?
5. Do you agree with Pastor Eric's point: "True repentance finds true forgiveness"? Why or why not? If we believe this to be true, then what are we denying ourselves by failing to repent? Why don't Protestants practice more regular and formal confession and repentance?
6. Does forgiveness wipe out natural consequences for sin? Does forgiveness wipe out all punitive consequences for sin? What is forgiveness good for? Why can it be hard to forgive ourselves?