

Life Group Notes
Week 2
From 15th March 2015

**Welcome**

Which detective series do you like to watch and why??
 Are you good at working out who the murderer is?

Word

Read **2 Samuel 11:1-5 (NIVUK)**

What David did – recap what David did in **relation** to Bathsheba and Uriah.

- Why do you think David chose to cover up his sin with Bathsheba, and continue to commit murder?
- What was it about David's circumstances and position that enabled him to act in the way he did?

What David demonstrated – *it's easier to let yourself down than you think. David knew adultery, lies, deception, cover up, murder were wrong- they were not his values! Nobody sets out to let themselves, others or God down but it is easier than you think! You never go from A-Z – there are always lots of little steps in between.*

- Are there any situations that you are happy to share, in which you feel you let yourself/others/God down?
- In the next chapter God intervenes but there is still a year before that happens! For David it was a year of living in denial.
- Are there any things that you find difficult to admit to?
- Can you think of how you react when somebody puts their finger on an issue that you find difficult.
- (disagree/defend/distract?)

Read **2 Samuel 12: 5-6 (NIVUK)** - The gift of confrontation.

What God did-

Have you had moments in your life in which you feel that God has enabled you to understand something about yourself by another person?

- What enabled you to hear what they were saying? (The way in which they spoke to you/the nature of your relationship/the context in which the person spoke to you ?)
- **What God demonstrated-**
- We can be totally forgiven and God can take our biggest, messiest, ugliest mistakes turned into something stunning!!
- Can you think of a situation that you needed to repent in, and how did you do this?
- How did you feel after this repentance?

Worship – read (Psalm 51:1-4, 7-12 NIVUK)

- Ask people to write one sentence to express their gratitude to God for forgiving them for something and then read the sentences out together to make your own life group psalm.

- **Works**

- Ask people to share the people in their lives that they feel they can see the activity of God in – pray in groups and ask God to show the “next steps” for these friends. (Invite to an Easter event, spend time with them, pray for them).

