1. A restless king
   a) 2 Samuel 11:1-2a Why was King David walking around on the rooftop veranda of his palace in the middle of the night?
   b) 2 Samuel 11:2b-4 What temptation did he face and how did he respond? (see also James 1:14-15)
   c) 2 Samuel 11:5-24 What were the consequences of the way King David tried to deal with his restlessness?
   d) In retrospect, what should King David have been doing when he was unable to sleep while his troops were at war?
   e) What lessons can we learn from this tragic story?
   f) Share stories of other Bible characters who allowed their restlessness to cause them to act in ways that dishonored God. (Israelites at Ai, King Saul, etc.)

2. Confrontation by a prophet
   a) 2 Samuel 12:1-9 Why did the prophet Nathan first tell a story before confronting King David directly?
   b) Was the mission of the prophet Nathan to rebuke King David or to rescue him? (2 Peter 3:9)
   c) How did King David respond? 2 Samuel 12:13a (see also Psalm 51:1-4)
   d) Share a time when the LORD confronted you through the words of a prophet.

3. Grace for the repentant sinner
   a) 2 Samuel 12:13 Is it that simple? Do we just need to confess our sin to the LORD in genuine repentance?
   b) Psalm 51:5-12, 17 What additional lessons can we learn from David’s song of repentance?
   c) Where else in Scripture can we find the offer of undeserved forgiveness by our loving and gracious God? 1 John 1:6-9, Luke 23:34, Romans 3:21-26, etc.
   d) How would you respond to a friend who says to you, “I have asked for forgiveness, but I still don’t feel clean and I have lost the joy of salvation”?

4. Consequences
   a) What negative consequences resulted from David’s sin? 2 Samuel 12:10-12,14
   b) Name some other Bible characters who experienced negative consequences from their sin even though they were repentant. (Adam and Eve, Moses, etc.)
   c) What positive consequences can result from a moral failure if we choose to repent and accept the merciful forgiveness of the LORD? Psalm 51:13-15
   d) 1 Timothy 1:15-17 What parallels do you see between David’s song and the testimony of the apostle Paul?
   e) What is your testimony about God’s love and mercy?