

## Check-in and Prayer~2min

Review prayer requests/concerns from previous week and pray through any updates and praise God for his past faithfulness.

## Topic Introduction~5min

When was someone two-faced with you? How did you feel? Why do we hate when someone is two-faced with us?

## Read Text~10min

**Context:** Leader/volunteer speak to some of the context of this story. Where are we in 2 Samuel? What just happened (look at section headings), and what will follow in the story? (In 2 Samuel 9-10 we see David's honor, in 11-12 we see his shame)

- **Read Together:** 2 Samuel 12:1-20 out loud.
- **Read Alone:** Underline or mark: questions, contrasts, repetition, commands, topic changes, ooh/ahh moments, other verses come to mind?
- **Personal Paraphrase:** Have a volunteer *paraphrase* the story from what they remember after reading (without looking at the text!). Repetition is the goal, after going through the story 3 times, we are ready to analyze/interpret it.

## Discussion~30min

- Discuss initial observations/questions and let the conversation flow.
- How is David a mixed man? How can David be called, "a man after God's own heart" in light of chapters 11 and 12?
- How does Nathan help David recognize the depth of his sin?
- Why do we prefer to keep the extent of our sin hidden from ourselves (and others), rather than seeing it clearly?
- Why is it easy to recognize the grotesqueness of another's sin, but hard to see your own? What would it take to see your sin clearly?

## Pray and Apply~30min

### Write

- Where are you mixed in life?
- How do you attempt to cover up your sin to prevent seeing it clearly?
- How does Jesus change how we approach our mixed nature?
- Who are the Nathan's in your life?
- What keeps us from being a Nathan to one another in this group?
- What would it look like to give the people in this connect group permission to be Nathan to you?

## Pray Together (as a whole group or break out groups)

- Share and pray over the above questions.