



We all have memories of our failures, and some of them were epic. The good news is that God's grace is even more epic. This series will remind us that God is better at forgiving and fixing than we are at failing.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 In this series we've looked at some major fails of some of our favorite Bible characters. Why does God record the good with the bad when He tells the stories of His people? What does that tell us about Him and about us?

2 DAVID SENT... Read **2 Samuel 11:1-4**. What impression do you get about David from reflecting on those four verses? What do you learn about Bathsheba? Follow up discussion: Rick reminded us that "It is significant that nowhere in scripture is Bathsheba blamed for this sin." Why is it important, especially in our culture, to remember that she was a victim and not at fault in this incident?

3 David sent Bathsheba home after he got what he wanted, but a short time later he got news he never wanted. Read **2 Samuel 11:5-15, 26-27**. What stands out to you the most regarding the things David did to try and protect his image as a king (contrast that with what you also noticed about Uriah's character in this passage)? Why do we tend to cover up our wrong doings when we get caught in sin instead of immediately coming clean?

4 THE LORD SENT... David did a lot of sending in chapter 11, but now it was God's turn. Read **2 Samuel 12:1-13**. What stands out to you the most from this scene in the story? Follow up discussion: Rick also mentioned that "God's response seems almost as

disturbing as David's rebellion." With that in mind, in what ways does grace often offend us? What does that say about us?

5 Read Psalm 51:1-4, 7-9. This story is not saying that "I'm sorry" means we get to escape all the consequences of our sins (our fails often come with collateral damage). But David's story is saying that we can escape alienation from God; we can escape the burden of paralyzing guilt; we can escape being remembered and defined by our most epic fails. Share one way you've experienced God's epic grace during a time when you owned up to your sin.

6 GRACE SENDS... help to the broken heart. We can do a lot of things that take us out of God's will, but we can do nothing to take us out of His reach. Read **Psalm 51:10, 16**. David wasn't just asking for forgiveness; he wanted transformation. Why is that significant? How does having "a heart for God" tend to make our hearts more like God's?

7 GRACE SENDS... hope for a broken world. Rick said, "This series has not raised my view of the goodness of man. Even the best of us have pages that we hope get skipped. But this series has markedly elevated my view of the grace of God." Share some examples of how this series has elevated your view of God's epic grace.

