

**TAKING THE NEXT STEP
WEEK 1 - 09/13/09**

SERMON NOTES

STUDY GROUP HOMEWORK
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GETTING STARTED

What is your favorite thing about fall? Why?

What was your favorite item to get at the concession stand at your high school sporting events? Why?

Are you a Michigan State fan or a Michigan fan? Why?

Why are you not a fan of the other team?

What is it about football fans that make them so crazy (devoted)?

Hold that thought of crazy/devoted in your mind as we look at David.

DIVING DEEPER

What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Please explain.

On Sunday, Frank mentioned a story about David dancing in the streets. Take a moment and revisit that story in 2 Samuel 6:12-23.

How do you think you would respond to seeing David dance through the streets like this? Why?

Why do you think David does what he does? What is his motivation?

How do his actions show his craziness/devotion to God?

This week Frank also talked about a spot in David's life when he failed miserably. Take a moment to read the story in 2 Samuel 11 and 12.

What do you think David's biggest downfall was in all of this?

How did David's downfalls interfere with his seeking?

In the end of this story, God sends Nathan to call David out on his sin. How would you have responded if you were in David's shoes at that point?

Psalm 51 is a Psalm written by David after this horrible moment in his life. Take a moment and read it.

How do David's words and actions here differ from his actions in 2 Samuel 11 and 12?

Where is David's heart?

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BOTTOM LINE: God wants every inch of your life no matter how beautiful or ugly it is. He's always challenging you to take the next step towards him.

What are the moments in your life when you are "dancing in the street"?

What are ways you can continue to have those moments?

Where does "Nathan" need to speak into your life so you can take the next step forward with your spiritual walk?

In the next week, I will take the next step and . . .

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

We will have the next SG discussion ready for you at the Welcome Center on Sunday. You'll also be able to download it on the church website on the Taking the Next Step page.

In a few weeks, South will be hosting the Master Provisions Clothing Drive. We'll be offering sign ups this week after worship. Please consider taking a two hour shift as a Study Group to come and pack clothes for Honduras. Also take time in the next couple of weeks to clean out your closets and donate some clothes.

Finally, since this is the first discussion guide for our new format, we would love to get some feedback on how things went, how the discussion worked, and so on. Please email us with comments at comments@seekstudyserve.org or call and leave your comments at 517-394-3220, extension 15.