



9-The Dark Side Of Autonomy

2 Samuel 11

1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. Has there been a time in your life when you wanted more freedom, independence, autonomy? If so when and why?
3. Have you ever wished that you could have more power, money, ability, freedom to do what you want with no restrictions? What might the dark side of this be?
4. We think of rules as restrictive and bad, but why might having some rules and living under them bring freedom?
5. Read 2 Samuel 11. David lived like he was above the rules. What friendship rules, cultural rules (or expectations), moral rules, marriage rules, ethical rules, and God given rules did David live above, and where did it all lead?
6. As you think of some of your greatest regrets, how was living above a rule part of that journey toward that regrettable moment? Alvin also mentioned that often the journey into our greatest regrets begins with a very innocent decision, how was that true for you?
7. What rule do you have the hardest time accepting from God, and putting yourself under right now? And why?
8. Read Psalm 139:7-8. Where have you run trying to escape from God? What does this verse say about God? How might you need to simply receive his love in your life right now and stop running? What would that look like for you, or what would be a next step for you?
9. Pray for each other.