Sermon Title: The Legacy of Sin
Sermon Series: In Search of a King
Sermon Text: 2 Samuel 13 & 14

Open
1. Imagine a time when you did something that had unfortunate consequences. Maybe it was the time you put dish soap in the dishwasher or tried walking down your driveway after a recent ice storm. Share with the group your experience.
2. In today's sermon, Payton mentioned the difference between Jesus absorbing the punishment of our sins, but not always the consequences. In your words, what is the difference between punishment and consequences?
3. How might us experiencing consequences change our way of living or doing things?

Dig
1. Read or summarize the story of David and Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11 and God's verdict of his actions in chapter 12. Then spend an appropriate amount of time reading or summarizing the consequences of David's sin in chapters 13 and 14.
2. How does this passage help you understand God?
3. How does this passage of Scripture exalt Jesus?
4. How does this passage reveal David's failure as king?
5. How does David's sin with Bathsheba produce even more significant rotten fruit in David's family?
6. What does it do to your heart to read and hear of Tamar's violation? What do you think of the way David handled the violation?
7. Is Absalom's action understandable, even if not justified? Why or why not?
8. How does David's passivity in his family affect his entire nation? In what ways does our passivity affect others in our life?

Reflect
1. Many readers will experience the story of Tamar with painful memories. Take time to reflect that pain and hurt back to God in prayer.
2. Do you believe Jesus gives honor and healing? Give thanks that Jesus restores honor and beauty and brings joy back into battered and wounded lives.
3. Is the dangerous trait of apathy creeping into your life? Take time to reflect on this and be willing to pray with you group if you are struggling.