

Laurel Street Mennonite Church

October 2, 2022

Music Leader: Michael Gingrich
Discussion facilitator: Pastor Judy Zook

***Baskets will be available to receive offerings and prayer requests. Please feel free to use these baskets any time throughout the morning. Prayers will be gathered and lifted up during the prayers of the people.**

Gathering

Welcome

Announcements and Celebrations

Opening Prayer

Singing: Create in Me a Clean Heart

Beauty for Brokenness (VT 712)

Offering Prayer & My Coins Count

Children's Church Dismissal (ages 4-7)

Led by Brother Frank

Encounter

Readers Theater (Scripture Reading): 2 Samuel 12:1–15

Table Group discussion

David made some bad decisions and his actions hurt other people. One wrong or selfish decision can often lead to multiple wrong or selfish decisions. The prophet Nathan stepped in and tried to help the king change his ways.

1. Set up dominoes so that they all fall when one is pushed. Imagine each domino as a wrong or selfish action that leads to another
2. Set the dominoes up again. This time place a "Nathan" domino in the path in such a way that it can change the path or stop other dominoes from falling. Is one domino enough to stop the other falling dominoes?

King David changed his ways because of what Nathan said. Other times multiple people need to speak up when someone is doing something wrong.

- Talk about a time when you or someone you know interrupted or changed the path of an incident by saying, "This isn't right!"
- What can make it hard to speak up?
- Talk about a character you identify with – David, Uriah, Nathan, Bathsheba.
- What would you like church, school, country, international leaders to do differently. How will you or your group speak up? How can we then embody God's love?

Table Group Prayer

- Share praises and requests with one another.
- Pray for leaders and for one another that leadership is done with courage and integrity.

Share

Song: Help Us to Help Each Other (VT 722)

Prayers of the people

Benediction