

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: Don't stay as you are!

(This series of lessons is based on the book
"No Perfect People Allowed" by John Burke.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

John 15:1-14
1 Corinthians 3
2 Peter 1:1-10
Romans 5:1-11
James 5:19,20
Hebrews 12:1-12
Galatians 5:16 – 6:5

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Tell about when you grew a lot or felt most alive.
What were your circumstances at that time?

What is the goal of spiritual growth for Christ followers?
What kind of environment do people need to grow
spiritually?

John 15:5-8

What is the secret to spiritual growth?
How do you stay connected in a practical way?

Romans 8:1-6

How does freedom from condemnation set our minds on
what the Spirit desires?
Why do you think this is so important for growth?

What intentional practices, experiences, or disciplines have
most helped you to stay connected to God's Spirit and
grow spiritually?

What do you need to do in order to grow and change?
Write and share a statement of your personal goals in your
relationship with Christ.

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for being your provider.
Agree with God about your need for spiritual discipline.
Thank God for the people who have helped you grow.
Ask God to provide you with a spiritual running partner.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ 2 SAMUEL 12:1-3

Have you had a pet?

Draw a picture of your pet and tell each other about it.

READ 2 SAMUEL 12:4

What punishment would you give to the rich man?
Tell of a time when you deserved
the punishment that you got.

READ 2 SAMUEL 12:5-6

What punishment would King David give the rich man?
Look up PITY in the dictionary.
What does it mean?

READ 2 SAMUEL 12:7-8

Was David like the rich man or the poor man?
Make a list of the things you have.

READ 2 SAMUEL 12:9

What two things did David do?
If David had obeyed God, would Uriah have been hurt?
Make a sign that says

"We hurt others when we disobey God."

READ 2 SAMUEL 12:10-14

What does God say will happen because of David's sin?
David's example was followed by others
and David was going to be hurt by it.
Play "follow the leader".

READ PSALM 51:1-2; 7-12

How does David react after Nathan talks to him?
Write your own prayer to God.
How do YOU tell someone they have messed up?

MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus _____ them,

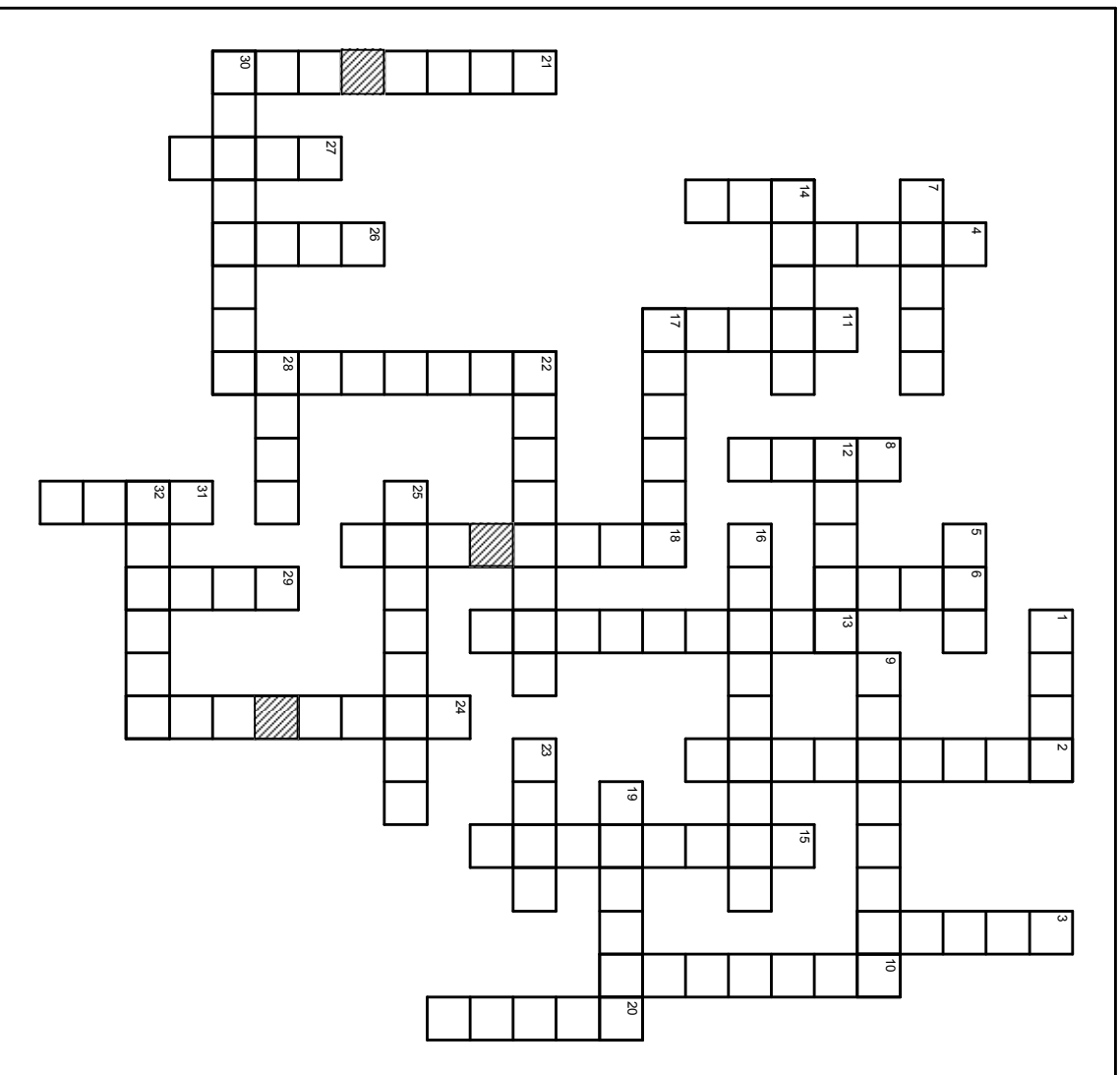
"It is _____ the _____ who _____ a _____, but the _____.
I have not _____ to call the _____,
but _____ to _____."

Luke 5:31-32

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David Sees His Sin



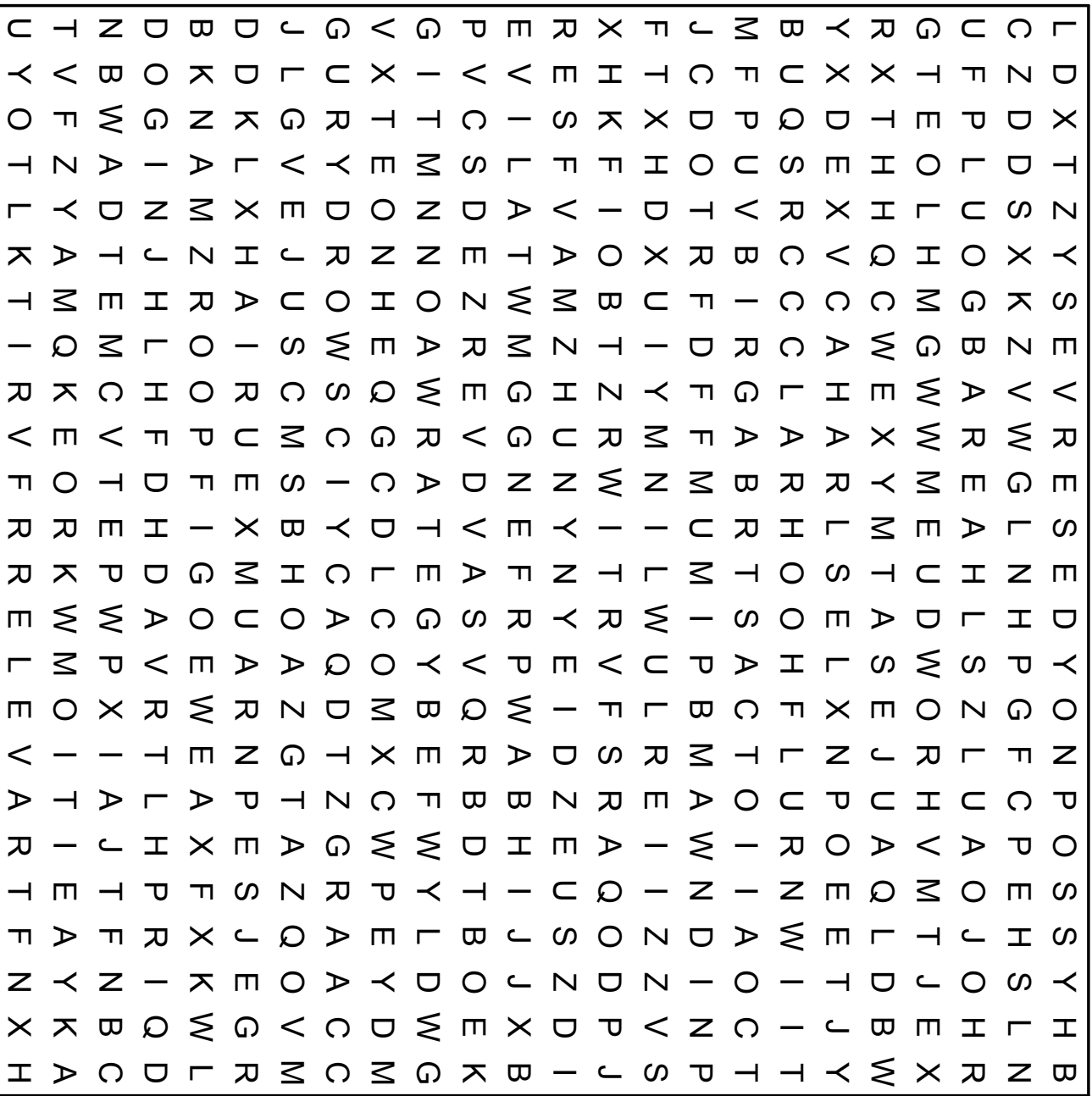
Across

1. clean with water (Psalm 51:2)
5. female sheep (2 Samuel 12:4)
7. unearned kindness (Psalm 51:1)
9. fixed (2 Samuel 12:4)
12. total (2 Samuel 12:14)
14. a warrior's weapon (2 Samuel 12:10)
16. God's love is this (Psalm 51:1)
17. a bitter herb (Psalm 51:7)
19. was hot (2 Samuel 12:5)
22. has earned (2 Samuel 12:5)
23. kindness (2 Samuel 12:6)
25. big trouble (2 Samuel 12:11)
28. wicked (2 Samuel 12:9)
30. visitor (2 Samuel 12:4)
32. God sent him to David (2 Samuel 12:1)

Down

2. family (2 Samuel 12:11)
3. near (2 Samuel 12:11)
4. make again (Psalm 51:10)
6. David took this from Uriah (2 Samuel 12:10)
8. faultless (Psalm 51:10)
10. hate (2 Samuel 12:9)
11. David had him killed (2 Samuel 12:9)
13. stopped (2 Samuel 12:4)
14. this person would die (2 Samuel 12:14)
15. sin (Psalm 51:8)
18. he had only one sheep (2 Samuel 12:3)
20. God made him king (2 Samuel 12:7)
21. eliminate (Psalm 51:1)
22. female child (2 Samuel 12:3)
24. he had lots of sheep (2 Samuel 12:2)
26. opposite of less (2 Samuel 12:8)
27. dinner (2 Samuel 12:4)
29. throw out (Psalm 51:11)
31. frozen water (Psalm 51:7)

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| mercy | unfailing | blot out | wash | iniquity | hyssop |
| snow | pure | renew | cast | Nathan | rich man |
| poor man | daughter | traveler | refrained | meal | ewe |
| prepared | burned | deserves | pity | David | more |
| despise | evil | Uriah | sword | wife | household |
| calamity | close | utter | son | | |