



Discussion Guide for 10/21/2017 (Kryptonite—Dabbling)

Opener:

- Doug talked about rules his parents had. Do any of your childhood rules stand out in your mind? Any “Wait ‘til Dad gets home” moments? Share...
- Think of a movie or book where a character dabbled in foolish behavior that led to bad consequences (i.e., Fredo in *The Godfather*). What was the “fork in the road” moment for that character

Deeper Sharing

Erwin Lutzer said, “Sin takes you farther than you ever wanted to go, keeps you longer than you ever intended to stay, and costs you more than you ever intended to pay.”

Would anyone be willing to be transparent and share a time when dabbling in sinful behavior led to something far worse?

Word of God

Doug referenced 2 Samuel 11 (story of David and Bathsheba).

- Identify the standout words that show the progression of the downward spiral from David’s “noticing” Bathsheba to murder.
- Where *should* this progression have stopped? What was the “fork in the road” moment for David? Where did he cross the line into sin?

Read Genesis 3:1-19.

- Here, too, we see a progression of sin. While there are certainly differences between David’s sin and that of Adam and Eve, there are also similarities.
- Identify the standout words in verses 6—7 that show the progression of Eve’s downward spiral. Where did Eve cross the line into sin?
- As a side note, what was Adam’s role in all of this? Discuss...

The Israelites were banned from taking any spoils from Jericho. After defeating Jericho, the largest and most well fortified city in Canaan, Israel was soundly defeated by the tiny town of Ai. Praying, Joshua asked God why. God said, “Get up. There is sin in the camp. Deal with it, *and then* we’ll talk.” **Read Joshua 7:13-26.**

- Identify the standout words in verse 21 that show the progression of Achan’s downward spiral.
- Where *should* this progression have stopped? What was the “fork in the road” moment for David? Where did Achan cross the line into sin?

We can choose our sin, but we can’t choose our consequence. For Adam, Eve, Achan, and David, were the consequences of sin individual or corporate or both? What does this teach us about the consequences of sin—do our foolish choices affect only us?

Moving Forward

- Doug referenced the fool from Proverbs 7 in his message. Discuss how Solomon’s instruction concerning wisdom helps us steer clear of trouble.
- As we have seen, consequences for our foolish choices adversely affect us as well as others. How can the same principle be applied to our wise choices?