

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Island of Misfit Toys”**

### **Complement to lesson on 12/31/23 – “The Used and Abused”**

#### **ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. What’s your favorite thing about New Year’s Eve?
2. What are you looking to most in the year to come?

#### **MEMORIZE – Revelation 7:9-10**

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

#### **READ – Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
  - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
  - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
  - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?  
In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. Compare and contrast David with Uriah
3. Look at David’s actions again in the entire chapter.
  - a. How does he progress in deceit?
  - b. What would you have preferred David to do?
  - c. Where in your own life are you choosing to cover up rather than confess?

## **EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY** – A Personalized Psalm 51

Take time to read Psalm 51. This Psalm was penned by David after being confronted by Nathan the Prophet for his adulterous actions. As an Island for Misfit Toys, the Kingdom of God has a place for both the used and abused and the users and abusers ... to those who recognize their sin, repent and surrender to Christ. Write your own Psalm 51, outlining your own shortcomings and cry out to the merciful, gracious Almighty Father. Then spend time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit who you can talk to about the Kingdom of God this week.

**SING** (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Echo Holy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pz5t7XTCxNE>

What Child is This - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jroBAI3WW8>

Come all Ye Unfaithful - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3\\_bh\\_gldY\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_bh_gldY_A)

Hope has a Name - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI-fTpLINZ8>

Christmas Hallelujah - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r\\_501eXm57M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_501eXm57M)

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

### **Sending prayer based on the message:**

Almighty God: thank you that even though I am a misfit, I am accepted into your kingdom through Jesus Christ. Fill me with joy and freedom to share this powerful truth with others where I live, work, study and play.