

CELL NOTES

For Dave Day's talk on 25 February 2007

WORSHIP THE MYSTERY AND THE MESS

Then David went up to the House of the Lord and Worshipped

1 Samuel 11 and 12

- Worship when life is a mess
- The man after God's own heart had committed murder and adultery
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The Problem

- 1 He was not doing what he was anointed to do
- 2 Guilt drives us to sin further
- 3 He lost the power of consequential thinking
- 4 After making his first mistake, he tried to cover up his situation
- 5 He justified himself because of his position
- 6 He didn't realise the Kingdom implications

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The Process

- 1 God's word and Spirit convicts of sin
- 2 David did not make excuses
- 3 He repented

The Restitution

- 1 He received forgiveness
- 2 He worshipped when the prayer seemed unanswered
- 3 He started a new story with a new generation

Questions

Discuss Eugene Peterson's quote, "*In the Christian life, our primary task is not to avoid sin, which is impossible anyway, but to recognise sin*"

- 1 Have you made a significant choice in your life to worship that has changed your circumstances?
- 2 How can we ensure that we do not fall into similar traps to David?
- 3 If David had not chosen to worship God when the baby died, discuss how you think the story might have continued.
- 4 Discuss Eugene Peterson's description of the Christian life being "The mystery and the mess."