**Sample Bible Study Chart (Associative)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bible Text: 2 Samuel 12:1-15\_\_\_\_\_\_

Bible Study Method(s): Inductive ( 1 or 2 ) / **Associative** / Devotional

**Step I: What does this text mean?**

Nathan wanted to make David aware of his sin with Bathsheba. Nathan uses a word picture (parable) of the rich man, the poor man, and the lamb. David could see the injustice suffered by the poor man when the rich and powerful man took his pet lamb. David became angry and wanted to punish the unjust person. Nathan said to David, “*You* are the man!” David immediately saw his own sin and repented. Though forgiven, David had to bear the consequences of his sin.

**Step II: What does this text mean to me?**

My human nature causes me to see the sins of others while ignoring my own. This text will help me to examine my own life for sins and neglect that rob me of spiritual power and separate me from God.

**Step III.** H**ow can I apply this text to my life?**

The example of David teaches me that even godly people are subject to temptation and sin. I will try to become more aware of my own faults and weakness. In light of my personal flaws, I will be less judgmental when I see others sin. I will try to learn from my own mistakes and from the mistakes of others. I will ask God to give me spiritual strength when I am tempted.

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Step I: What does this text mean?

Step II: What does this text mean to me?

Step III. How can I apply this text to my life?

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