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David & Jonathan

Jonathan was so committed to being part of what God was doing that he was willing to lose his Kingdom, his relationship with his father, and his relationship with David. Jonathan's single-minded focus is on aligning himself with God, even when it means humbling himself and giving up his path to the throne. We need to decide daily to put aside our selfish desires and seek God's plan rather than our own.

1. Describe a time in your life that showed you which people in your life were true friends and which ones just happened to be "on the same road" at the time? How has that experience impacted you since then?
2. How would you currently describe your commitment to seeing God's plans come to fruition? How willing are you to sacrifice your "kingdom"?
3. Bill said that if you want a Jonathan in your life, then you're going to have to be a David. In your life, what does it look like to "be a David"? What kind of steps do you need to take this week to move in that direction?
4. Jonathan's confidence in God's ability to bring his plans to bear in the future gave him the ability to make great sacrifices in his present circumstances even though that future was "shadowy" compared to the specific hope we have in Jesus. Do you have that type of confidence? Why or why not? How do we strengthen that confidence?
5. Bill talked about the importance of having deep friendships and authentic relationships. How is our group doing at being transparent and authentic with each other? Do our conversations tend to remain at the surface or are we "bleeding together"? Regardless of where we are currently, how can we grow in this area?