

Leaving a Legacy of Faith: The Story of King David

Discussion Guide for April 13 & 14, 2024

Sermon Summary

In this sermon, we explore the life of King David to understand the principles of leaving a godly legacy. David, known as a man after God's own heart, exemplifies that a legacy begins with the heart and requires trust and faith in God. Despite his imperfections and family challenges, David's story teaches us the importance of having hard conversations and passing on what God has laid on our hearts to the next generation. Through David's lineage, we see the fulfillment of God's promise with the coming of Jesus Christ, reminding us that God is the ultimate redeemer of our legacies.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather today to reflect on the message of legacy through the life of King David, we ask for open hearts and minds. May we be receptive to the lessons you have for us and be inspired to leave a godly legacy for those who follow. Help us to trust in You, engage in difficult conversations with love, and pass on the truths You have instilled in us. Guide our discussion and let Your wisdom flow among us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Ice Breaker

What is something about your legacy (ancestors) that people in your Community Group probably don't know?

Key Verses

1 Samuel 13:14 - "But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."

2 Samuel 7:12-13 - "When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."

Questions

1. What does it mean to you to have a heart that chases after God, like David?
2. How can we demonstrate trust and faith in God during challenging times?
3. Can you share a time when you had to have a difficult conversation with someone you love? How did it impact your relationship?
4. What are some ways we can ensure we're focusing on the heart rather than outward appearances in ourselves and others?
5. How can we effectively pass on our faith and values to the next generation?
6. In what ways can we support someone who is struggling with their legacy due to past mistakes or family history?
7. What does the story of David teach us about God's ability to redeem our legacies?
8. How can we balance the desire to leave a legacy with the understanding that ultimately, it is God who shapes and redeems it?

Life Application

This week, take time to consider the legacy you are creating. Reflect on one area of your life where you can more intentionally pursue a heart after God. Whether it's through deeper personal devotion, engaging in a difficult conversation with grace, or mentoring someone, commit to an action that will contribute to a godly legacy.

Ending Prayer

Lord, as we close our time together, we thank You for the lessons learned from King David's life. May we leave here with a renewed commitment to building a legacy that honors You. Help us to be courageous in our faith, loving in our relationships, and wise in our guidance to others. Bless each person here, and may our lives reflect Your love and truth to the world around us. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.