

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 2: Unfinished Sacrifice

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📖 Read, Discuss, and Journal Answers Below

Big Idea:

God wants us to give sacrificially in a way that changes our lives.

Opening Discussion Questions:

1. Turn to page 10. Read the primary goal of *Unfinished* and discuss what it means for you. Read point #1 on page 11. Pray fervently and write down your prayer. Share with the group.

2. What is something you've given away or sacrificed that was costly?

READ 2 SAMUEL 24:18-25:

On that day Gad went to David and said to him, "Go up and build an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." So David went up, as the Lord had commanded through Gad. When Araunah looked and saw the king and his officials coming toward him, he went out and bowed down before the king with his face to the ground.

Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?"

"To buy your threshing floor," David answered, "so I can build an altar to the Lord, that the plague on the people may be stopped."

Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take whatever he wishes and offer it up. Here are oxen for the burnt offering, and here are threshing sledges and ox yokes for

the wood. Your Majesty, Araunah gives all this to the king." Araunah also said to him, "May the Lord your God accept you."

But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."

So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them. David built an altar to the Lord there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then the Lord answered his prayer in behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.

APPLICATION:

In what ways was David unfinished? What is surprising or encouraging about David's life?

What prompted David's sacrifice in 2 Samuel 24?

What is unique about David's sacrifice? Why does David's sacrifice please God?

READ MARK 12:41-44:

(The Widow's Offering)

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

READ LUKE 18:18-30:

(The Rich Young Ruler)

A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'"

"All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

APPLICATION:

What is different about the widow's heart and the rich young ruler's heart?

If God blesses and uses costly sacrifices, what is He asking you to sacrifice?

TAKEAWAY:

What does it mean for you that God desires for us to give in a way that challenges us?

What would be a costly sacrifice for you and why?

If you were to list the reasons why you give financially, what would these reasons be? Has your view of why you give changed over the years?