

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: WEEK FIVE

Discussion and Prayer Guide

1. What makes a place feel like “home” to you?
2. How was God with His people in the Old Testament? How is God with His people in the New Testament? (Hint – look at the times “dwell” is used in both the OT and NT)
3. What is one time in your life when you felt that God was close to you? Tell someone about this time right now either in person or via WhatsApp, Social Media, or a phone call.
4. What is the best way you can think of summarizing the good news of Jesus for Expats?
5. Who do you know that us searching, lonely, or weary? What are two ways you can practically connect with them in the next 24 hours?
6. Write down or speak out what you would want to tell your friend from question 5:
7. What things distract you from talking with and spending time with God?
8. Walk through the prayer guide and have a conversation with God, you can speak freely with the Father because of Jesus His Son, and the Spirit dwells in you!

Let your prayer today be shaped by 1 Chronicles 17:16-21

- First: read a section of David’s prayer
- Second: read the prayer prompt and talk with our God who Speaks
- Third: Wait, pause, reflect, be still and listen to our mighty God who speaks.

Ready? Here we go:

INTRODUCTION (GETTING STARTED)

David’s Prayer: 1 Chronicles 17:16a

“Then King David went in and sat before the Lord...”

First ask God to quiet you, calm you, and help you to focus on Him. He is always with us, but sometimes we forget this truth. 😊 Simply sit before the Lord. Turn off notifications, get in a distraction free place, and simply sit before God. Confess the things that have distracted you from sitting before Him regularly...

Pause, Reflect, Listen.

INVOCATION (APPEAL ADDRESSING GOD)

David’s Prayer: 1 Chronicles 17:16b-19

“King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? 17 And this was a small thing in your

eyes, O God. You have also spoken of your servant's house for a great while to come, and have shown me future generations, O Lord God! 18 And what more can David say to you for honoring your servant? For you know your servant. 19 For your servant's sake, O Lord, and according to your own heart, you have done all this greatness, in making known all these great things.

Remember that the God who speaks, and the God with whom we are speaking is the all-mighty creator of the Universe! He knows everything about everything. Take some time and reflect on how grand and infinite God is, and realize how small and finite we are...

Pause, Reflect, Listen.

DECLARATION (STATEMENT OF PRAISE)

David's Prayer: 1 Chronicles 17:20-22

20 There is none like you, O Lord, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 21 And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making for yourself a name for great and awesome things, in driving out nations before your people whom you redeemed from Egypt? 22 And you made your people Israel to be your people forever, and you, O Lord, became their God.

Spend time praising the uniqueness of God and His power as revealed in history. Then praise God for how He has been at work in YOUR life. What are the moments you can think of right now where God has done mighty things. Praise Him for his mighty works, most importantly your rescue from sin through faith in Jesus!

Pause, Reflect, Listen.

PETITION (REQUEST): FOLLOW THROUGH ON WHAT YOU HAVE PROMISED

David's Prayer: 1 Chronicles 17:23-24

23 And now, O Lord, let the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house be established forever, and do as you have spoken, 24 and your name will be established and magnified forever, saying, 'The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, is Israel's God,' and the house of your servant David will be established before you.

Humbly ask God to open your eyes to how and when He fulfills His promises in your life. Notice that our motivation for God to be at work is so others will see Him and He will be magnified! Ask God to prompt you to share how great He is with a friend.

Pause, Reflect, Listen.

RECOGNITION (GRATITUDE): GOD HAS ALREADY ANSWERED SOME PRAYERS, AND TRUST THAT HE WILL COMPLETE HIS PROMISES.

David's Prayer: 1 Chronicles 17:25-27

25 For you, my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build a house for him. Therefore your servant has found courage to pray before you. 26 And now, O Lord, you are God, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. 27 Now you have been pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you, for it is you, O Lord, who have blessed, and it is blessed forever.”

God's plan for His people in the OT isn't through, nor is His plan complete in you. When Jesus returns God's plan will be complete! Take some time talking with God about His perfect reign and rule when Jesus returns. Pray for your friends and family to know Jesus personally before He returns.

Pause, Reflect, Listen.

If you want to close your prayer time with a song, you can find the song “King of Kings” [here](#).