

# DAVID

## DAVID, PART 3: DAVID THE DAD

We live in a celebrity and success saturated culture. We equate winning with the pursuit of stuff, status, and sex. We hustle, but what are we hustling for?

**BIG IDEA:** When we pursue things that don't satisfy, we ignore the One that does satisfy

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How much time do you spend a week at work? How much time do you spend a week with family and friends? How much time do you spend a week engaging in "church" stuff? What do these numbers say about what you are pursuing?
2. With your Bible or Bible App, read Proverbs 4:20-27

*My child, listen to me and do as I say, and you will have a long, good life. My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body. Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Avoid all perverse talk; stay away from corrupt speech. Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.*

*Proverbs 4:20-27 (NLT)*

3. This verse talks a lot about what to avoid. What does it say about what we should be pursuing?
4. With your Bible or Bible App, read 1 Kings 11:1-4

*Now King Solomon loved many foreign women. Besides Pharaoh's daughter, he married women from Moab, Ammon, Edom, Sidon, and from among the Hittites. The Lord had clearly instructed the people of Israel, "You must not marry them, because they will turn your hearts to their gods." Yet Solomon insisted on loving them anyway. He had 700 wives of royal birth and 300 concubines. And in fact, they did turn his heart away from the Lord. In Solomon's old age, they turned his heart to worship other gods instead of being completely faithful to the Lord his God, as his father, David, had been.*

*1 Kings 11:1-4 (NLT)*

5. What did Solomon ultimately pursue? How did that impact his life? Why do you think he did not practice what he wrote in Proverbs 4?
6. During the message Carlo said, "You can possess a warehouse of wisdom, and still blow it in the end." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
7. What are you pursuing? What is one thing you can do to place God at the center of your hustle? How can this group support you?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Instead of equating success with status, sex, and stuff, choose to fix your eyes on Jesus, shut your mouth to unloving speech, and follow His paths. Pursue God.

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

*Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them. Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment. If you prize wisdom, she will make you great. Embrace her, and she will honor you. She will place a lovely wreath on your head; she will present you with a beautiful crown."*

*Proverbs 4:5-9 (NLT)*