

# LIFE GROUPS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who was someone who propelled you forward in life and inspired you to succeed? Who was someone who saw who you could be for Christ before you ever did?
2. Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4. Why did Jonathan, the royal heir to the throne, initiate a covenant with a shepherd like David?
3. What did Jonathan's actions symbolize? Share the parallels between Jonathan initiating a covenant with David and Jesus initiating a covenant with you?
4. Read 1 Samuel 18:5-9. Why was King Saul upset about David's success, even though it meant success for Saul's kingdom? Contrast the response to David's success by Jonathan versus that of Saul.
5. Why are we sometimes okay with someone succeeding, as long as they do not succeed beyond us? When has your jealousy been aroused by someone dismissing your achievements?
6. How do you respond when others succeed more than you (in school, in marriage, spiritually, their kids, at work, financially, etc.)? How can we combat those tendencies?
7. Read 1 Samuel 23:17. What did Jonathan's promise to David mean for him? How does Jesus' sacrifice for us parallel Jonathan's sacrifice for David?
8. What are some ways we tear others down in order to keep them from succeeding?
9. Who has the Lord laid upon your heart whom you are to build up? How can you build others up?
10. The greatest way to build someone up is by empowering them with the gospel. Who has the Lord laid upon your heart to invest in with the gospel?



### Heroes – Jonathan

1 Samuel 18:1-9

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