

LIFEGROUP

Weekly Sermon Study Guide

Sermon Series: A Series of Unfortunate Events **Sermon Title:** David Counts Men

Scripture: 2 Samuel 24

Date Preached: November 22, 2020

WEEKLY CHECK-IN:

Last week we discussed a last song of David in the books of 1 & 2 Samuel. How did David respond to God through this song?

Also, as a part of catching up on each other's week, this would be a good time to gather everyone's prayer requests and praises. This allows everyone to share about their life and you can use this to guide your prayer at the end of the discussion.

DISCUSSION STARTER:

There is a lot that takes place in the books of 1 & 2 Samuel. What event resonates with you the most? Or what event have you learned the most from?

DISCUSSION:

Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at my.worthingtoncc.org/listen.

1. What in this week's scripture was most interesting?
2. What did David do wrong? Why was he conscience-stricken?
3. David neglected Joab's advice. How do you usually respond to advice? What measures do you take to determine how you will respond?
4. What is a threshing floor? What is significant about the location of this threshing floor? Read 1 Chronicles 22:1 (note this same event is recorded in 1 Chronicles 21).
5. Why is David offering a sacrifice for the Israelites? Is this normal for a king or is David taking on a different role?
6. How does this sacrificial event foreshadow the actions of Jesus? See leader note.
7. What can we learn about God from this week's scripture?
8. What can we learn about people from this week's scripture?

Leader Note:

Because of David's decisive and costly actions, "the Lord answered prayer in behalf of the land and the plague on Israel was stopped." In making these sacrifices for his people, David foreshadowed the actions of Jesus, the ultimate son of David, who also gave sacrificially on a hill near Jerusalem for his people so that an even more tragic plague might be stopped. David's climactic sacrifice involved the use of wood and blood on a hill outside the city; so did Jesus' sacrifice.

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MY NEXT STEP:

Read Matthew 3:11-12. According to these verses, what is part of Jesus' role? How does this reflection cause us to follow Jesus more closely?

PRAYER:

A core value of our church is 'Urgent Prayer.' Please be sure to include prayer in your group meetings.

Next Week's Sermon Title: A Series of Unfortunate Events: Solomon Becomes King