

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Rise and Fall: Life of David

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Memory Verse: 2 Samuel 7:22 NIV

How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

These questions aim to foster meaningful discussion and encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: There is blessing and life because of God's grace and the faithful followers around you – especially our moms.

Read 2 Samuel 21:1-9

1. Famine comes on the land and God reveals to David that it is because of an oath that Saul broke against the Gibeonites. The covenant that Saul broke was made more than 400 years prior during Joshua's reign (Joshua 9). Have you ever broken a promise you made because circumstances had changed? How does God view our obligation to an oath? Should time or circumstances void the oath?
2. Our cultural expectations are that things happen immediately, yet God's justice for Saul's actions did not occur this way. What can we learn about God's justice from this passage? Do you ever become impatient or frustrated with a perceived lack of justice? How do passages like this help you find grounding that God will make all things right?
3. In contrast to Saul breaking a covenant, we see David honoring his covenant by not providing Jonathan's son as atonement. How seriously do you take your promises? What happens to a person's reputation when a promise is not kept?



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When oaths are sworn in God's name and are not kept, what impact does that have on what others think of God?

4. Read Leviticus 17:11 & Hebrews 9:22. How does this story foreshadow the concept of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins? How would you explain the need for Jesus' death to an unbelieving friend who wanted to know more?

Read 2 Samuel 21:15-18

5. The skills David possessed as a warrior have been passed down and shared with the younger generation. Just as the battle against God's physical enemies continued, so will the battles against spiritual enemies (until Jesus returns). How can we train others on important aspects of our faith and share these truths with those who need to hear them? How can you make time to intentionally develop someone else?

Read 2 Samuel 23:1-7

6. David wants to be remembered as the psalmist of Israel, as the one who writes of God's majesty and glory. If, like David, you were writing your final words, what would you most want people to know about you? If those you know wrote your eulogy, what would they say? If you predict the things shared would be different, why do you think that is? Is there anything you can do to change their outlook?

Read 2 Samuel 23:8-39

7. David surrounded himself with some mighty men. What kind of people do you surround yourself with? What are you speaking into their lives? What are they speaking into yours? Why is it important to be selective when it comes to the voices we permit space to speak into our lives?
8. David and his mighty men sacrificed a lot for the delight of the king. What does it look like in your life to sacrifice for God? Do you find joy in doing these things, or do you do them out of guilt or a sense of religious duty? How can we improve our heart disposition?



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