



# Thy Kingdom Come

## Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!” (James 1:22 NIV)

### SUMMARY

In 2 Samuel 3, Pastor Frank taught on the contrasting leadership of David and Ishbosheth, highlighting that leadership truly shapes a nation. David, despite flaws, was led by God, while Ishbosheth was a powerless figurehead propped up by Abner. David's strength was in his discernment, emotional depth, and spiritual grounding. Good leaders are secure, intuitive, and compassionate, whom God sovereignly guides through both peace and conflict.

### APPLICATION

#### 1. Leadership | Influence

- Pastor Frank began his message with the question: *Shouldn't we as Christians care more about leadership than those who don't know Him?* How would you answer that? Why?
- What qualities distinguish David's leadership from Ishbosheth's in this chapter?
- Who are some leaders in your life that reflect David-like qualities? What sets them apart?
- *“As the leader goes, so goes the nation.”* Where have you seen this principle play out today?

#### 2. God's Sovereignty in Leadership

- In times when leadership seems chaotic or divided, how can we rest in God's control?
- How does knowing God is “behind the scenes” give you confidence or peace today?
- When have you experienced God orchestrating a positive outcome through imperfect people or messy situations?

#### 3. Character | Identity

- Why is it important for a leader to be secure in who they are?
- What does David's grief over Abner show us about healthy emotions in leadership?
- In what ways can you cultivate both a strong hand and a soft heart?

#### 4. Power Struggles | Motivations | Discernment

- How do bitterness and unresolved conflict cloud our judgment, as they did with Joab?
- Where might bitterness be affecting your own ability to see a situation clearly?
- When have you struggled to follow a leader? What was the issue, and how did you respond?
- Have you ever been caught between loyalty to a person and doing what's right—like David honoring Abner despite the political tensions? What did that look like in your life?

### PRAYER

Pray for the leadership of Calvary Chapel Chattanooga.  
Pray for our nation's leadership.



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