



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 8, Adam Calabrese taught us how David steps into his God-given role as a conquering king. Though God denied his desire to build the temple, David obediently waged war, securing peace, wealth, and stability for the next generation. His victories fulfilled God's promises to Israel and prepared the way for Solomon's reign. Adam's teaching reminds believers to trust God's "no," embrace their calling, and fight today's battles to bless tomorrow's generation.

APPLICATION

1. Learning how to respond when God's plans differ from ours

- David's next step after "no" was to get busy doing what he *could* do. What's something you can still do when God changes your plans or says "no"?

2. Staying faithful in your role rather than coveting someone else's

- How can knowing your "lane" or calling help you serve more effectively?
- What's one strength or gift God's given you that you sometimes overlook?
- Why do you think it's so easy to envy someone else's role or gifting?

3. Stewarding today's challenges to create a better tomorrow

- What's one "battle" you think our generation needs to fight for the next one?
- David's battles made peace possible for the next generation. Who has fought battles in your life that made your faith stronger? Why?
- If David had quit after hearing "no," what might Israel have missed out on?

4. Using our influence/victories for God's glory and others' good by obedience and generosity

- David gave all his wealth and spoils to God's Temple project. What does generosity look like for you in this season?
- In what areas of your life could obedience or generosity have a greater impact on others than you realize?

5. Looking ahead at what kind of legacy we're leaving behind

- What's an area in your life right now where you feel God saying "go"?
- Why do we tend to think God only uses "peaceful" people instead of "warriors" too?
- Share a time when you almost quit something, but God helped you push through.

PRAYER

Pray for a giving heart and a fighting spirit for the benefit of the next generation!



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