

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Rise and Fall: Life of David

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Message: God's Sovereign Faithfulness

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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.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to 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: God is merciful and faithful to the one who turns and trusts in Him.

Read 1 Samuel 29

1. David is residing in Ziklag because he doubts God's promise. What doubts have you struggled with? How have your doubts eroded or strengthened your faith? What helped you overcome those doubts?
2. Reflecting on David's experience at Ziklag, have you ever found yourself in a situation where you turned away from God due to hardship or discouragement? How did you respond, and what did you learn from that experience?
3. God shows His faithfulness to David by providing a way out of the difficult situation that sin had gotten him into. Brainstorm ways that God can show faithfulness amidst our unfaithfulness. When have you experienced God's faithfulness despite your unfaithfulness?

Read 1 Samuel 30

4. There are negative repercussions for sin. What consequences came about because of David's sinful decisions? Share about a time when sin disrupted your life, whether



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because of your sin or the sin of others. How did this situation draw you closer to God?

5. The loss of their families and the burning of their residences caused David to turn back to God. What has God had to do to get your attention? How do you typically respond when God disciplines you for your actions? Do you see it as an opportunity for growth, or do you struggle with accepting correction? What Scripture do you recall and meditate on during times of trial?
6. Instead of continuing to run away from God, David instead turns to God and finds strength in the Lord his God. How do you find strength in the Lord your God? When you are strengthened by the Lord, how does that impact your thoughts, feelings, and attitudes? How often do you set aside time to be strengthened?
7. David seeks the Lord's direction through prayer. When you are searching for guidance, where does prayer rank in importance? When facing difficult decisions, how can you improve your practice of seeking God's guidance through prayer? What are some specific things you can do to deepen your connection with God and hear His voice more clearly?
8. Before the Egyptian will do what David is asking, he asks David to take an oath to his God. The expectation is that David will be a man of his word because of the God he serves. How does the practice of oath-taking continue today? If we do not do what we said we would do, how does that damage our character and witness about God?

Read 1 Samuel 31

9. When the people of Israel saw that their army was being defeated, they fled and abandoned their cities. What are some common sources of fear for Christians today? How can we confront those fears in a healthy and God-centered way? What hope and wisdom do we have as Christians that we can share with our community and non-believers regarding the fears they harbor?



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