

# 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.

*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.*

## Read 2 Samuel 1

1. Imagine yourself in David's position. How would you be feeling after losing your closest friend? Share your emotions and thoughts openly. David expresses his grief through a passionate lament. What healthy ways do you find to express grief and loss in your own life?
2. In your own life, what are you currently grieving? It could be the loss of a loved one, a relationship, a dream, or a stage of life. How can we grow through our experiences with grief, turning them into opportunities for a deeper connection with God, ourselves, and others?
3. An Amalekite comes to David and lies to him, telling him that he put Saul out of his misery. Have you ever told a lie to make yourself look good or to draw attention to yourself in some way? How did that situation resolve? Did the lie make the situation better or worse?
4. Reflecting on Saul's demise and David's response, how do we often react to the downfall of others, especially those in positions of authority or leadership? What does David do that is unexpected? Who is someone you do not see eye-to-eye with? How can David's response give us a fresh perspective on those with whom we struggle?



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- Jonathan was a close friend of David, and their relationship was very special. Outside of your spouse, do you have a close Christian friend (some might refer to this as an accountability partner)? Is this concept something that interests you? What does it take to cultivate a relationship like this?

## Read 2 Samuel 2:1-12

- Abner does not have the authority to make Saul's son king, but he does it anyway for the sake of self-preservation. How can the fear of losing something we have, drive us to do things we shouldn't? Have you ever struggled with finding your identity in your power, position, or possessions?
- Engage the Scriptures by taking a look at the tribal boundaries of Israel. What tribe is David ruling? How would you feel if you were promised a whole pie but only received one slice? What can we learn from David and his response?
- The men from Jabesh-gilead do not belong to the tribe of Judah, where David is king. Despite this, he still shows favor to them. When have you been shown kindness unexpectedly? What opportunities do we have to show Christ-like love and compassion in our workplaces, neighborhoods, and families?



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