

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.

Big Idea: Do the right thing the right way. Always.

Read 2 Samuel 2:12-32

1. The northern tribes marched out against David, forcing David's men to meet them. As far as we know, David never initiated an attack on Israel. Do you ever feel like you are wrongly being attacked? How do you respond in these situations?
2. Abner knows that David is the one God has chosen, yet he continues to actively fight against God's anointed. Compare/contrast Abner's behavior toward the rightful king (David) with how David approached Saul.
3. God's desire for Israel is that the nation be unified, not divided and at war amongst themselves. Where do you see schisms today that break the unity God desires for Christians? How can we avoid in-fighting and be more focused on the mission God has for us today?



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Read 2 Samuel 3

4. David is making decisions that are putting him close to the line of sin. Identify areas in your life where you might be getting close to “lines” you should not cross. What steps can you take to create healthier boundaries? What are some “bright lines” you have set for yourself?
5. Like with the covenant David made with Abner, the right decision does not always seem clear. Have you ever faced a situation where the “right” decision felt unclear? How did you navigate the uncertainty? What or who do you lean on in these situations to discern the ethical path?
6. Reflect on recent decisions and actions. Were your motives pure? Are there areas where you could have sought better guidance or acted with more integrity? How can we cultivate a more thorough understanding of our own heart and motives?
7. Joab kills Abner because Abner killed Joab’s brother. Joab’s focus on revenge has made him blind and caused him to question the king. What emotion or situation can cause you to be blind? When we are blind, how does this impact our sensitivity to what God is doing?
8. What does "doing the right thing the right way" look like for you in your place of employment, with your neighbors, friends, extended family, spouse, and kids?



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