

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.

These questions aim to foster meaningful discussion and 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 promises to restore, adopt and give new life to those who come to Him.

Read 2 Samuel 9

1. How do you think unbelievers view God? Do they view Him as an angry God who is out to get them? Or as a compassionate and loving God who cares about them? How can we bring a message of hope where people perceive condemnation and judgment?
2. Why could Mephibosheth be considered an enemy of David? **Read Colossians 1:21-22.** How does this passage refer to those who are not a part of God's family? As a group, come up with a scenario in which you have one opportunity to share the Gospel with an unbeliever. What do you say in this moment about how a person is "reconciled" to God?
3. Mephibosheth is disabled for life, which can be a metaphor for how sin cripples our lives. Think back to before you were a believer, did you see yourself as someone in need of spiritual healing? Do you ever feel broken or unworthy today?
4. David pursues a man whom society considers unworthy. How does this story reflect God's love for us, despite our shortcomings? How has God pursued you in your life?



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Share a time when you felt God's initiative in bringing you closer to Him. How can we, as followers of Christ, better reflect His pursuit of the lost and broken in our own lives?

5. Mephibosheth seeks mercy from David. Going before the king was likely a very nervous moment for Mephibosheth. He understands his place and bows to David. How can we cultivate a posture of humility and dependence on God in our daily lives? Do you ever assume a specific bodily posture when connecting with God?
6. David embraces Mephibosheth and calls him by name. God is personal, and He knows us. How does this detail speak to God's intimate knowledge of each of us? Share how you've experienced this personal connection with God.
7. David shows kindness and unmerited favor to Mephibosheth because of a covenant with Jonathan, not because of anything Mephibosheth has done. How does this story illustrate the concept of grace versus earning God's favor? What motivates your acts of kindness and generosity? How can your faith influence these motivations?
8. David goes above and beyond for Mephibosheth, restoring him to a place of honor. How can we practically demonstrate this kind of extravagant generosity in our own lives? Including Mephibosheth at the table was a sign of a valued relationship. As we seek to *Pursue Others*, what should we do as a Small Group to welcome someone to our metaphorical table? How can we ensure that everyone feels welcome and included at the table?
9. Mephibosheth is adopted into David's family. How is the metaphor of adoption used throughout the New Testament to talk about being brought into God's family? The New Testament uses adoption to describe our relationship with God (see Romans 8:15). What are some of the privileges and responsibilities that come with being adopted by God? How does understanding ourselves as adopted sons and daughters of God change the way we approach prayer and worship?
10. Just like Mephibosheth is given a new life, people who come to Jesus are given a new life. When you became a believer, how did your life change?



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