

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Rise and Fall: Life of David

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Message: The Fall Before the Rise

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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:** Our biggest enemy is not outside of us; our biggest enemy is inside of us. It's sin.

## Read 1 Samuel 27

1. David went from a firm conviction in the Lord to having an enormous fear of man. When do you experience swings in your faith? What can lead you to a place of doubt or fear? Share about a time when you experienced a mountaintop moment followed by being in the valley.
2. What lies do you find yourself believing? What happens when we meditate on Satan's lies? What happens when we meditate on the truth of God's Word? What verse or verses are meaningful to you and help you refocus your heart on what God says?
3. David becomes discouraged because things are not happening in his time frame. How do you feel when your circumstances do not change or improve as quickly as you would like them to? In what areas of your life do you struggle with impatience or the desire for quick solutions? How can you rely more on God's timing and trust in His sovereignty instead?



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4. When has sin driven you to do something that is out of character? How do you recognize when ungodly compromise begins to erode your moral character, and how do you guard against it?
5. Who is your biggest enemy? How do you fight against this enemy? Discuss strategies that can be used to fight against sin. What are some things that can be done to prevent the temptation to sin? What can we do when we are actively fighting sin?
6. What effects/consequences did David's sin have beyond himself? How have you seen the impact of sin extend beyond the individual who sinned? When we sin, how does this impact our witness to others? When we fall, how do we rise again?

## Read 1 Samuel 28

7. When you feel like you are not hearing from God, what do you do? How do you navigate when you feel like God is silent? In what ways do we sometimes seek guidance or answers outside of God's will when we feel desperate or uncertain? What are some healthy ways to seek guidance or answers when we feel lost or uncertain?
8. How can we learn to rely on God's strength and guidance instead of our limited understanding? Sharing specific examples, how have you practiced this in your own life?



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