

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Rise and Fall: Life of David

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Message: The Rise of the King

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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: Repent quickly and trust God fully.

Read 2 Samuel 5:6-25

1. Some 400 years after God commanded Israel to take the whole land, Jerusalem, a small city in the center of Israel, was still in Jebusite hands. What areas of your life do you feel resemble the Jebusites' stronghold – difficult to overcome, entrenched in your life? What would it take to be like David and face the stronghold?
2. The Jebusites mock David and his attempt to defeat their city. Have you ever been mocked or ridiculed for your Christian beliefs? If so, describe the situation. How did it make you feel? How can we respond to such criticisms in a healthy and God-honoring way?
3. David chooses to make Jerusalem (the City of David) the capital of Israel. Discuss the significance this decision has on the history of Israel. Decisions we make today can have long-lasting impacts. What do you want the long-lasting impact of your life to be? How does Christ and the Gospel message fit into that? What are you doing today to make that a reality?



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4. Often those who become great among God's people experience much pain and difficulty in God's training process. What challenges are you facing now? How do you see these present challenges as future opportunities to turn around and help others?
5. The Lord did not elevate and bless David for the sake of David's self-gratification. Rather, He made David great for the sake of His people, Israel. Visualizing a picture of yourself as being "great" what do you see? How do you define greatness? Are you more prone to see greatness having to do with yourself or with others? How can we be better at attributing greatness to other-focused people?
6. Seeds of future trouble are sown in times of great success. How does this saying ring true for David? Does success or blessing tend to cause you to drift from God? If so, when you experience blessing, how can you avoid the same trap as David? If not, share what helps you keep your focus on God.
7. David consulted God before each major decision. How often do you turn to God for direction in your life? Are there any specific areas of your life where you'd like to be more consistent in doing that?
8. After the first victory over the Philistines, David was wise enough to wait on the LORD before the second battle. Even though it was the same situation, God had David approach it differently. Have you ever thought, "I've done this before, therefore I can do this on my own?" How often do you rely on your wisdom and strength? What is lost by not consulting with God in prayer?



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