

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Rise and Fall: Life of David

Speaker: Jay Haugh

Message: Beyond the Barriers

Date: 04/07/2024



ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES

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: Blowing past God's barriers will always lead to a place of destruction and death.

Read 2 Samuel 11

1. Before this chapter, what were your impressions of David? Does this chapter change your perspective at all? How does it make you feel to see a devoted follower of God stumble in sin? What can we do to protect ourselves and to protect those in leadership over us?
2. Why do you think David stayed in Jerusalem instead of leading his army into battle as was customary for kings? What does this say about the dangers of complacency or neglecting responsibilities? As you reflect on your different roles and responsibilities, both professionally and otherwise, are there any areas where you have become complacent or negligent?
3. David is alone and unaccountable as he is wandering on his rooftop. What is it about being alone that can more quickly lead us to a place of temptation? Have you ever been in a situation where being alone led you to make poor choices?



HOSPITALITY



MOVEMENT



CONTRIBUTE



COMMITMENT



ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES



SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP

4. Being alone is inevitable, but David chooses not to flee when he is tempted. What is a different choice David could have made at this moment? When no one is around, and you feel the pull of sin and temptation, what do you do to combat these urges?
5. No one in David's inner circle confronts him about his actions. Why do you think this might be? How approachable are you? If someone close to you saw you acting in sin, how would you react? How can we create an environment of accountability in our own lives? Where do you need/want more accountability in your spiritual walk?
6. David attempts to cover his sin instead of repenting, which leads to further wrongdoing. Discuss a time when you've seen or experienced this "snowball effect" of sin. As you reflect on the pattern we have seen of David falling into sin, do you recognize any of that pattern in your own life? How have similar failures led you or others into a downward spiral of sin?
7. The things that tempt us look extremely pleasing at first look, but the consequences are incredibly damaging. When we find ourselves in a place of sin, what is the correct path forward? How can we move from a place of shame and guilt to a place of restoration and wholeness? How can you help others who are experiencing shame and guilt and guide them to a place of restoration and wholeness?
8. David already has numerous wives and concubines, yet this was not enough for him since he is looking at Bathsheba with coveting eyes. Why is the desire for 'more' never able to be satisfied? How does God challenge us to be content with what we have been blessed with (ex. Philippians 4:10-13)? As you reflect, is there anything in your life that you are coveting right now?



HOSPITALITY



MOVEMENT



CONTRIBUTE



COMMITMENT



ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES



SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP