



THE LIFE OF DAVID

A SIX-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

We are so excited you're joining us for our FCA bible study, "The Life of David". Our mission is to help people grow in God's word and we believe that happens best in a huddle. As you move through this study, know that God wants to reveal more of Himself to you. And, He also wants to show you more of who He says you are.

David is one of the most referenced characters in the Bible. We see him in sporting events as the overmatched underdog in the "David and Goliath" story. He was the king of Israel and lived through very high-highs and had some very low-lows. He was anointed as King at a young age and ruled over that kingdom for many years. But, he also made some really bad choices that had devastating consequences for those he was leading. He was a man after God's own heart, yet he struggled with his humanity. All of us can find ourselves somewhere in his story.

Although a lot of his story is recorded in the Bible, he's not very well understood. That's why we're doing this study; we're going to dig beneath the surface and learn from David. We're going to walk through several specific moments in his life and apply those lessons to our lives.

SESSION 1: SIMPLE OBEDIENCE

READ THE PASSAGE 1 SAMUEL 17:1-54

REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS

- 1. What are you delaying in your life?**
- 2. What is in your hands right now that you need to be obedient with?**
- 3. What is the “simple” thing that God wants you to do?**

SESSION 2: AUTHENTIC VULNERABILITY

READ THE PASSAGE **1 SAMUEL 23:16-18**

REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS

1. Do you ever struggle to let people speak into and guide your decisions life?
2. What normally prevents us from trusting people like our coaches and teammates?
3. Why could it have been hard for David to trust Jonathan?
4. Is there anyone in your life you trust enough to yield to their guidance? What is that makes them trustworthy?
5. Do you trust God enough to be honest with Him and yield to his instruction?

SESSION 3: HONORING LIFESTYLE

READ THE PASSAGE 1 SAMUEL 26:8-9

REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you ever wanted to payback someone for something they did to you?**
- 2. If you were in David's shoes, would you have told your friend to back down or to pin him to the ground with the spear?**
- 3. In the sport of wrestling what are some ways we honor our opponent?**
- 4. Should we only give honor when it is earned? Did Saul deserve David's honor in this moment? Why did David choose to honor him?**
- 5. Is there someone in your life you should be showing honor too, but something is holding you back?**

SESSION 4: LEADERSHIP MINDSET

READ THE PASSAGE 2 SAMUEL 5:19 & 23

REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS

- 1. Who do you normally go to for guidance?**
- 2. If everyone on your team were following you what would be the success of the team?**
- 3. Who did David go to for guidance in these verses when the circumstances were challenging?**
- 4. When David got his answer did he argue, makes excuses or choose to be obedient?**
- 5. When is the last time you sought the counsel of someone wise in your life? When is the last time you personally inquired of the Lord?**

SESSION 5: REPENTANT SPIRIT

READ THE PASSAGE 2 SAMUEL 11 & 12

REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS

- 1. Where are you supposed to be that you drifted from?**
- 2. What do you think of when you hear the word repentance; how has this study changed that definition?**
- 3. How do you respond to success? How about when you're facing your sin?**
- 4. What kind of person do you want to be when faced with sin in the future? How will you react next time? What would be one step you could take to move toward that?**

SESSION 6: KEEP FIGHTING

READ THE PASSAGE **2 SAMUEL 12:15-22**

REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS

1. Look back and identify the times where you felt exhausted; could you possibly be feeling that way right now? How might you be fighting with the wrong weapon?
2. Learning how to fight with the right weapon is a key to battle. What are the weapons that God wants you to fight those battles with?
3. All of us do this, but for you, why is God often the last resort rather than the fight option when times get hard?
4. (3) Questions to consider about how to fight
 - o How do you see God?
 - o How does God see you? (the real answer, not the churchy answer)
 - o How do you see yourself? (again, let's keep it real)