



**Northland Christian Church
Group Discussion Guide
For the Week of July 18, 2021**

Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. You do not have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.

Connect

- Share your wins and struggles from this past week (or month).
- What's at the top of your "faith or spiritual bucket list"? What will it take to make that happen?
- What historical event in King David's life do you wish you'd experienced first-hand?

Engage the Bible - Read and Review Surprises, Takeaways, and Observations from:

Acts 2:29-36, Acts 13:22, 2 Samuel 5:4-5, 2 Samuel 7:8-9,16

The Context - Real Legacy

How will I be remembered?

Today, we are going to talk about the value of legacy. A real, lasting, legacy from God's perspective - one that actually helps us to this day still talk about David. Not just because he was in the Bible. But because of the legacy he left in the Bible. People were still talking about David in New Testament a thousand years after he lived. Jesus spoke of him. Paul spoke of him. People are still talking about David's life today.

Here are some of the lessons that Pastor Dave shared with us from King David's life that can make an impact on our lives and the legacy we leave.

- David is not defined by his best or worst moments.
- The truth about a person is not a matter of the eyes but the heart.
- David focused much of his life on:
 - God's Will,
 - God's Ways
 - God's Timing
- David remembered that:
 - God is the source of our strength.
- His life and his writings also teach us that life:
 - It's not about me. It's all about God.

The questions for all of us:

- Am I willing to live by the truths above?
 - Do I focus on the heart of people instead of the surface of what my eyes can see?
 - Do I try to live life under the idea that I wait and live for: God's Will, God's Ways, and God's Timing?
 - Do I believe that God is the real and only reliable source of strength in my life?
 - Do I live life for me? Or God?
- Am I willing to do everything God wants me to do?

Discuss & Apply

1. If you met King David, what question would you ask first?
2. Why is it significant that God doesn't look at people in the same way as we often do? That "the truth about a person is not a matter of the eyes, but the heart"?
3. How should this inform our focus in terms of growth, development, priorities, and life-focus (for ourselves and our loved ones)?
4. David is not defined by God by his best or worst moments. How is this surprising? Encouraging?
5. Because of the work of Jesus and believing in the Gospel, we are not defined by our best or worst moments, either. What does this bring to your mind, heart, emotions, and outlook?
6. How have you experienced "God is the source of our strength" in your life? How has this been helpful?
7. If you could only leave your loved-ones one lesson about faith, what would it be?
8. What have you learned about life and faith from your family's legacy?
9. What attributes or character traits do you think God wants us to pass on to others?
10. Are you willing to do everything God wants you to do? What's hard to give up to Him?
11. What is one thing that God is asking you to adjust or process? How can we help?

End your group time in prayer.