

# THE LIFE OF DAVID

## GROUP STUDY GUIDE



# HOME GROUP

## Study Guides

Welcome to our Home Group companion study guide for the Life of David message series. Throughout the next six weeks, we will be focused on the infamous and beloved King David.

This study guide is designed to follow each weekend message in this Old Testament narrative series. This content will help your group discuss and apply the content found in each message. You will notice that each guide will share the same core text as each weekend sermon. It will also provide helpful materials for deeper study into the Word of God when possible.

We encourage you to prayerfully prepare for each group meeting in advance and use this content as a rule and a helpful tool for life-changing conversation in your group. You know your group better than anyone, and we encourage you to make changes to this study as you see fit.

As always, we would appreciate your feedback on this curriculum. To share your findings, email us, and we can discuss the future of Home Group Study guides at our next huddle!

# **STUDY GUIDES**

## **Let's Get started!**

Begin with the basic elements of any Home Group meeting.

### **ICEBREAKER**

**Take ten minutes to reconnect and get to know each other.**

### **MESSAGE DISCUSSION**

**Discuss the message from the Sunday message.**

### **DIG INTO THE WORD**

**Dig into the core scripture passage from the weekend teaching.**

### **REFLECTION**

**Talk about the meaning of the text and how it applies to your personal life.**

### **PRAYER**

**Set aside enough time to share news and pray for group members.**

## **THE STORY: ADONIJAH'S COUP**

### **1 Kings 1:1-53 (ESV)**

- 1. ASSIGN TWO PEOPLE TO READ THIS STORY.**
- 2. HAVE ONE PERSON READ THE STORY.**
- 3. THEN TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT INDIVIDUALLY.**
- 4. REPEAT STEPS 2 AND 3.**
- 5. DISCUSS YOUR OBSERVATIONS AS A GROUP.**

## **CORE TEXT: DAVID'S LAST WORDS**

### **1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-13 (ESV)**

**1**“I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, **3** and keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn, **4** that the Lord may establish his word that he spoke concerning me, saying, ‘If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.’...

...“Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. **11** And the time that David reigned over Israel was forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. **12** So Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.”

# DEEPER IN THE WORD

## The Life of David - Week 4

Texts: 1 Kings 1:1-53, 2:1-13

**Big Idea:** God firmly establishes His Kingdom with the people of God when they live in step with the will of God and practice His ways.

**Have one or more group members read the text out loud.**

### Discussion Questions:

- What did you find most interesting about this story? Share your observations.
- How do you relate to David in his weakness?
- How can you relate to Adonijah in his ambition?
- God is a promise keeper. Do we always keep our promises? Why? Why not?
- What are some objections we have to receiving the promises of God for ourselves?
- What are some reasons we don't participate in the Kingdom of God?
- Why is it so hard for us to pay attention to God today?
- What single command of God do you struggle with the most?
- Why are we so afraid of failure? How can we overcome this fear?
- Share stories that illustrate God's steadfast love in your life with the group.

### Additional text for reading and reflection:

- Psalm 145
- Psalm 88

