

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.

CORE TEXT

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (ESV)

16 The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." 2 And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." 4 Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 10 And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these."

11 Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." 12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

DEEPER IN THE WORD

The Life of David - Week 1 How's your heart?

Text: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Big Idea: The Lord looks on the heart.

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

Discussion Questions:

- What stood out to you about this story?
- How is God's providence at work here?
- What does it mean to "consecrate yourself" in light of this story as a whole?
- How does verse seven change how we think and act?
- Why do you think a shepherd boy makes for a good King?
- What "pastures" do we have in our own lives that are good for our private world?
- What does it mean to be "anointed"?
- What is unique about David's empowerment by the Spirit of God?
- As believers in Christ, how is the Holy Spirit working in our lives today?
- In what ways do you think people struggle in their private worlds? Give examples.
- How can these struggles influence our external lives?
- How can we surrender our inner world to the Lord?

