

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 17:32-40, 45-47 (ESV)

32 And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." 33 And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, 35 I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. 36 Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." 37 And David said, "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"

38 Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, 39 and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. 40 Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, 47 and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand."

DEEPER IN THE WORD

The Life of David - Week 2

Text: 1 Samuel 17

Big Idea: God uses those who trust in Him to fulfill His kingdom plans.

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

Discussion Questions:

- What stands out to you about this story?
- How is God's providence at work here?
- How is Saul portrayed in the story?
- What impact would Saul's failure to fight Goliath have had on the Israelites?
- In what ways is David similar to Saul? In what ways is he different?
- How is David's trust in God revealed in the text?
- What does it mean that "God is using David to fulfill His kingdom plans?"
- "Worry is our inability or unwillingness to trust in God." Do you agree? Why or why not?
- When do you find it hardest to trust God in your own life?
- What reasons has God given you to trust Him?
- Do you believe that God is using you to fulfill His kingdom plans? Why or why not?

