



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Remember that Life Groups are a place where we practice what is preached. We discuss the Bible for transformation, not just information.



Icebreaker: Who is your favorite super hero and why do you like them?



PRAY:

Pray together for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to behold wonderful things (Ps. 119:18) as your group meets with the Lord.



READ:

Ask a group member to read **1 Samuel 24:1-22**. Consider having multiple people read the passage.



DISCUSS:

In this story David seems perfectly set up to avenge himself and his followers! How tempting do you think it was for him to take matters into his own hands? Have you ever experienced this type of opportunity in your own life?



IDENTITY:

Even though David had the opportunity to kill his enemy, he chose not to, trusting that God's plan would be better. What do you think led David to make this decision? What role do you think his identity as God's chosen king played in his decision?

WORSHIP

Trusting in God can be easier said than done. What role does worship play in growing our trust in God? In what ways can we practice worshipping God to strengthen our trust in Him?

COMMUNITY

Instead of "repaying evil with evil," David repays evil with good. Read Romans 12:17-21. What would it look like for you to repay your enemies with good? How can we encourage one another towards doing good to those who have wronged us?

MISSION



David refused to harm Saul and compromise his devotion to the Lord. How does living a life that honors God show others Christ? How can refusing to compromise open doors for the Gospel to be shared?



GROUP ENGAGE:

Jesus invites anyone and everyone to follow Him, and we get to extend that invitation to others. As a group, try this idea to engage in the mission of God or come up with your own.

Identify someone who is frequently overlooked. This could be a caregiver, custodial worker, volunteer, neighbor, or isolated person. Plan a specific way and time to encourage them this month.

WE ARE FAMILY:

How can you hold each other accountable to respond to God this week?

Share prayer requests (either as a group, or as partners/smaller groups)

VALUE SPOTLIGHT:



TRUTH | That which communicates the reality of God

When we live lives that align with God's truth and refuse to compromise we reflect God's character to the world around us.



SERIES OVERVIEW:

Life is hard, but the challenges we face are never wasted. The Bible shows us that God has a plan for it all. In 1 and 2 Samuel, David wrestles through years of uncertainty and danger before becoming the king of Israel. These wilderness years were essential to God's plan, just as Jesus' suffering and resurrection were essential for the redemption of the world. In this message series, we'll talk about how to trust God when life gets tough. As hardship reveals our false securities, we'll see that God has a plan that's infinitely better than ours.

August 9

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Big Idea: God chooses differently.

Key Question: How does God choose differently?

- He defines success. (16:1-5)
- He prioritizes the heart. (16:6-10)
- He develops the overlooked. (16:11-13)

August 16

1 Samuel 22:1-5

Big Idea: Our need for security is met in God

Key Question: How does God meet our need for security?

- He delivers. (v. 1a)
- He provides. (vv. 1b-4)
- He guides. (v. 5)

August 23

1 Samuel 24:1-22

Big Idea: Trust God instead of taking control.

Key Question: How do we keep from taking matters into our own hands?

- Refuse to compromise. (24:1-7)
- Rest in divine justice (24:8-15)
- Repay with good. (24:16-22)

August 30

2 Samuel 5:1-5

Big Idea: God finishes what he starts.

Key Question: How does God finish what he starts?

- In his timing. (5:1-3)
- True to his promise. (5:4-5)