



Day 1

1. **Read 1 Samuel 8.** Why did the leaders of Israel say they wanted a king?
2. How can a dad serve God and yet still fail at raising children with good character?
3. **Read 2 Chronicles 7:14.** What could the people have done instead of demanding a king?

Day 2

4. **Read 1 Samuel 9-10.** How does Saul become king?
5. How did God feel about the people wanting a king?
6. When God looks at your life, what might He describe as your rejection of Him?

Day 3

7. **Read Exodus 17:8-16 and 1 Samuel 15.** Why did God want the Amalekites dead?
8. How did Saul disobey God?
9. Where might God be asking you to obey Him that you may be avoiding or only partially following?



Day 4

10. **Re-read 1 Samuel 15.** How did Saul try to make himself look good?

11. How did Saul respond when Samuel challenged Him?

12. How does seeking the approval of people show up in your life?

Day 5

13. **Read 1 Samuel 16.** How does David get chosen as the next king?

14. What do you learn about David that helps explain why God chose him?

15. What's the difference between a man filled with the Spirit and a man without the Spirit?

Day 1

1. **Read 1 Samuel 17.** What was Saul doing to help his soldiers deal with their fear?
2. What specific fear has been around in your life for an extended time?
3. How did David's brother treat him?
4. What family member are you having difficulties with right now?
5. David had access to an incredible source of courage and power to win victories over Goliath, his brother, and Saul. How could you access that same power to help you this week?

Day 2

6. **Read 1 Samuel 18.** What were the key elements of the covenantal relationship with Jonathan and David?
7. What do you learn about jealousy and emotions as you study Saul in this passage?
8. What do you see as major differences between David and Saul, and how would you apply these lessons to your own life?

Day 3

9. **Read 1 Samuel 19.** Jesus will come from David's family. How do you see God protecting that plan in this chapter?

10. How have you seen God do similar things in your life? Please share at least one example with your group.

Day 4

11. **Read 1 Samuel 20.** Why do you think Jonathan did not kill David to protect his inheritance as king?

12. Using Jonathan and David as a model of friendship, what do you think is needed for you to be to be a good friend to another person?

13. What close friend have you lost that still hurts today when you think about it?



Day 1

1. Read 1 Samuel 21.

a. What are some possible reasons David lied and then acted like a crazy person?

b. **Read Psalm 34.** What counsel do you get from David in this Psalm that will help you when you feel prone to lie?

Day 2

2. Read 1 Samuel 22

a. Doeg murdered 85 priests. How do you find hope in God's protection when you read this historical account?

b. **Read Psalm 52.** How does David's response encourage you recognizing the guilt and anguish he must have experienced?

Day 3

3. Read 1 Samuel 23 and 1 Samuel 24

a. Who should have been protecting the people of Keilah? Why did David make the choice to help?

b. What are some of the ways God was working for David, and how was God working against Saul in these two chapters?

c. What was keeping David restrained from killing Saul?

d. Gossip is our most common form of justice. How are you doing with gossip about people whom you dislike?



Day 1

1. **Read 1 Samuel 27.**

- a. In what ways did David compromise his character in this strategy?

- b. How did this strategy provide good results for him, his men, and their families?

- c. Why would God allow good to come from our mistakes? When has that happened for you?

Day 2

2. **Read 1 Samuel 28**

- a. What are some of the ways Saul failed in this story?

- b. What continues to drive you to repeat ungodly behavior?

- c. **Read Deuteronomy 18:9-13.** Why do you think God denounced divination?

- d. Saul knew the law but broke it out of fear. What do you demand of others yet continue to do yourself in particular when you are afraid?

Day 3

3. **Read 1 Samuel 29-30**

- a. How does this story demonstrate the sovereign will of God?

- b. When has God rescued you from bad or wrong decisions?

- c. David seems to get away with a bad decision to fight for the Philistines. Why would God allow you to get away with mistakes or poor decisions?



Day 4

4. Re-Read 1 Samuel 30

- a. David was trying to fight the wrong battle and left his family vulnerable. When have you left your family vulnerable because you were out of position with God?

- b. What are a few of the ways God helped David in this story?

- c. How does David's response to his hard-fought victory inform how we should handle our "well deserved" wins?

Day 5

5. Read 1 Samuel 31

- a. How will you remember King Saul?

- b. How were the people around Saul affected by his leadership?

- c. How would people around you describe your leadership?

- d. How did the brave men of Israel treat their king who failed them?

- e. Why might we as Christians be asked to honor leaders who fail in our country?

Day 1

1. Read 2 Samuel 1.

- a. Share with your group a few reasons David had the Amalekite executed.

- b. Reference Genesis 9:6, Exodus 21, and Deuteronomy. 21. What are some of the reasons God required capital punishment?

- c. What might be a reason you would feel justified to kill another person?

- d. What do you learn about handling grief from David?

Day 2

2. Read 2 Samuel 2-3.

- a. Why might it be important for you to pray and truly seek God's answer about where you live before you decide to move?

- b. What are some possible reasons there was a civil war in Israel?

- c. Why is it important for men to lead in bringing peaceful resolutions to disagreements in our families?

Day 3

3. Read 2 Samuel 4.

- a. What are some reasons Ish-Bosheth died?

- b. How do you know when you are working in a role in which you do not belong?

- c. David stood against wrongful murder. What injustice do you speak out against?

Day 4**4. Read 2 Samuel 5 and 1 Chronicles 11.**

- a. What are a few lessons we can learn from David's long path to the throne?

- b. Why do you think David chose Jerusalem as his capital for the nation of Israel?

- c. What impact did the king of Tyre have on David?

- d. How might your affirmation help another man gain clarity about his calling?

Day 5**5. Read 2 Samuel 6.**

- a. Read Numbers 4:15. What serious mistakes were made in moving the ark?

- b. Why might God demand his work be done his way?

- c. How does Michal's response to David's worship show up in people today?

- d. Why is worship an important part of our church services?

Day 1**1. Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17.**

- a. What might be one reason David felt the need to build a home for God?

- b. When do you most often feel a need to please God?

- c. What faulty assumptions did Nathan make when he told David to run with his idea?

- d. **Read 1 Chronicles 28:2-3.** Why do you think God would make David and Israel wait to build His temple?

- e. What are all the promises God makes to David, and how do they connect with those made to Abraham in Genesis 12 and 15, and to Mary in Luke 1:32-33?

Day 2**2. Read 2 Samuel 7:18-29.**

- a. What has God done for you in the last year for which you are deeply grateful?

- b. What word does David use to describe himself at least ten times? What are the characteristics of that type of person?

- c. What do you learn about the nation of Israel?

- d. Read Romans 11. How do we join this family of chosen people?

Day 3**3. Read 2 Samuel 8.**

- a. Why do you think God had David defeat all these armies and occupy their countries?

- b. How would dedicating our wealth to God be beneficial (see Malachi 3:10)?

- c. David built a strong staff to help him. Why is it important to allow others to help you?

Day 4**4. Read 2 Samuel 9.**

- a. Why might David be motivated to help someone from the house of Saul?

- b. What are all the ways that God's love for us is demonstrated in this story?

- c. With whom might God be calling you to lavishly love and care for as your own family?

Day 5**5. Read 2 Samuel 10.**

- a. Why do you think David chose this path with his rival?

- b. **Read Psalm 145:8-9 and Matthew 5:43-45.** Why should men show compassion to people they dislike?

- c. Who might you be willing to treat with compassion this week that has been a challenge for you?

Day 3

2. **Read 2 Samuel 12.**

- a. What were the key elements of Nathan's story that helped David see the injustice?

- b. What does this teach us about how to help convict another person of their sin?

- c. **Read Deut. 22:22-24.** What should have happened to David and Bathsheba, and why would God prescribe such a brutal sentence?

Day 4

3. **Read Psalm 51.** What are the key elements of David's repentance?

4. How do you know when you have truly repented of something you know is wrong?

5. Why does God make David pay for his sin after he repented and after God said he would not die? (Deut. 28)

6. **Read Isaiah 40.** Why do you think God would let Uriah be killed, an innocent baby die, and two murderous adulterers become the ancestors of Jesus?

Day 1

1. **Read 2 Samuel 13 - 14.**
 - a. Why do you think Amnon was so set on raping his sister?

 - b. What triggers your sexual appetite and how have you learned to manage it?

 - c. How did David's response to each of his children impact the outcomes in these stories?

 - d. How do passive fathers hurt their children and their family?

Day 2

2. **Read 2 Samuel 15 - 18**
 - a. What was missing between David and Absalom that hurt this situation?

 - b. Why do you think David offered no resistance to anything Absalom did to take over the throne? (2 Sam 12:10)

 - c. How did God allow David to experience the pain of his own sin? (2 Sam 12:5,10)

 - d. How have you experienced the painful consequences of your own sin?

Day 3

3. **Read 2 Samuel 23-24 and 1 Chronicles 21.**
 - a. Why do you think the Bible records the names and feats of these mighty men?

 - b. Who has done heroic things for you, and how could you show appreciation?

 - c. What are a few reasons counting the fighting men was a great sin against God?

 - d. How did David model how we should handle our sins against God?

Day 4

4. **Read 1 Kings 1.**
 - a. Why do you think Adonijah believed he could take the throne?

 - b. How have your assumptions about what you feel you deserve hurt you?

 - c. What key leadership principles did David exhibit in this final betrayal that we need to follow in our homes?

Day 5

5. **Read 1 Chronicles 28-29**
 - a. How did David help Solomon get prepared to lead his kingdom?

 - b. How can you help God prepare for His kingdom to come?

 - c. What are a few significant memories you have about David?