



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of 2/11/2024

David's journey from shepherd to king holds counter-cultural leadership lessons for us today. We look at how challenges are opportunities for God to develop our leadership, allow others to promote us, help us to grieve losses well, create generational impact, and to listen to God's guidance.

1. Share a time of waiting and preparation that you've experienced. What were the challenges during that time?

After your group opens in prayer, please read the following passage, and discuss any questions or thoughts that came to mind after hearing/watching the sermon.

Read Roman 5:3-4 & Isaiah 64:8

2. As we study the life of David, we see that the time from when he was anointed by Samuel to when He was made King of Judah was around 10 to 15 years. We looked at how God develops leadership slowly, even when He's already given us a vision for the future.
 - Why do you think God often makes us wait before stepping into our calling?
 - What areas of growth might God be developing in you right now?
3. We live in a culture of self-promotion but David waited years without promoting himself to king.
 - Why is it so countercultural to allow others to promote us rather than self-promoting?
 - How can we fight against self-promotion in our lives?

Read 2 Samuel 1:17-18

4. After getting news of the death of Saul and Jonathan, David and his men lament. We look at the importance of fully processing grief and difficulties rather than just pushing through them.
 - Why might grieving losses and difficulties be important for our souls?
 - How can we make space to healthily grieve the hard things in our lives?

Read 2 Samuel 2:1

5. After the death of Saul and Jonathan, David takes time to hear from the Lord. Listening to God's voice requires ongoing practice and discipline.
 - What spiritual practices have you found most help you attune your heart to hear God?
 - How can you be more intentional about making time to listen to God daily?

As you close, share any challenges, encouragements, and needs related to this week's message. Close by spending time praying for each other's needs and challenges.