

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of 2/18/2024

This week we look at 2 Samuel 6 and explore the difference between pursuing awe and settling for comfort in worship. We examine the story of David bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, highlighting the importance of approaching God with reverence and avoiding lukewarm faith.

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.

1. Can you think of a time when familiarity bred complacency in your relationship with God?

Begin by reading 2 Samuel 6

- 2. Uzzah's death serves as a cautionary tale. What does this story teach us about the importance of reverence towards God?
- 3. The Israelites carried the ark incorrectly, prioritizing practicality over God's instructions. How can we avoid letting practicality overshadow our awe and reverence of the Lord? (*Reference Numbers 4:15*)
- 4. David, unlike Michal, embraced full-fledged worship despite potential judgment. Do you ever find yourself holding back in worship due to fear of what others might think? How can we overcome this obstacle?
- 5. David was willing to become "undignified" in worship to honor God. What inhibitions or cares about others' opinions do you need to lay down to worship God more freely?

Read Hebrews 12:28-29

- 6. The passage connects thankfulness, worship, reverence, and awe. How can we integrate these elements into our lives in a way that feels authentic and sustainable? Share practical tips or personal experiences.
- 7. When we worship God, we are not worshiping "someone a little bigger or better than ourselves." Take a moment to reflect on God's majesty, holiness and glory. How does meditating on his majesty, holiness, and glory inspire our worship?

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.