



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of 3/17/2024

This week, we end our series “A Church after God’s Heart” by looking at the contrasting leadership styles of David and Joab. David, known as a man after God’s own heart, focused on building relationships and seeking redemption. Joab, on the other hand, prioritized results and used ruthless tactics to achieve them. Here, we gain valuable insights on leadership. We learn that true leaders cultivate a deep connection with God.

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

Read 2 Samuel 18:4-5

1. David showed remarkable restraint in ordering his commanders to "deal gently" with his son Absalom despite Absalom's betrayal and rebellion. When have you shown grace and restraint toward someone who wronged you? What was that experience like?

Read 2 Samuel 18:10-15

2. David prioritizes relationships, while Joab focuses on results. Which resonates more with you in your own life? Can you think of an example where prioritizing relationships led to a positive outcome, even if the immediate results weren't what you expected?

Lifestyle Leadership		
Joab (Yahweh is Dad)	Relational Leadership	David (Beloved)
Undisclosed motives	Agenda moves to Collective Vision	Eternal/God-inspired Agenda
Winners and losers	People move from tools to Treasures	Servant Team Builder
Detach and destroy the problem	Hardship moves from defeat to Hope	Discover the Redeemable
Trust is reserved for loyalty and revenge is expected for failure	Trust moves from breakdowns to Build-ups	Trust is extended upfront; forgiveness is expected for failures
Jump ship before it sinks	Outcomes move from now to the Next Level	The next generation was now time
Clinging to God	Relational Legacy (1 Kings 2:31-33)	The Standard for Understanding the Savior

3. This is a chart from this week's sermon looking at Joab's leadership style versus David's. When looking at this chart, what stands out to you the most? What area do you struggle with or what area would you like to grow?
4. Comparing Joab's leadership style with David's, which aspects do you find more prevalent in contemporary leadership approaches? How can we incorporate David's relational leadership style into our own lives and communities?

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.

