



LifeGroup Discussion Packet

“David the King - A Legacy After God’s Heart”

Series: David: A Heart After God

2 Samuel 7:1-17

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Main Idea:

A legacy after God's heart is built by keeping God first, surrendering our plans to His purpose, remembering His faithfulness, and living for a Kingdom that will outlast us.

Key Verse:

“And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” 2 Samuel 7:16 (ESV)

Warm-Up Question:

When you hear the word legacy, what comes to mind? Who is someone whose influence has continued to shape your life even though a particular season with them has ended?

Discussion Questions

1. **Read 2 Samuel 7:1-3.** David had finally reached a season of rest, security, and success. Why can prosperity sometimes become a greater spiritual test than adversity? What helps you keep God first when life is going well?
2. David wanted to build a Temple for God, but God had a different assignment for him. Have you ever experienced a closed door involving something that seemed good or even God-honoring? What did you learn through that experience?
3. The message emphasized, “A heart after God doesn't only ask, ‘Is this good?’ It asks, ‘God, is this what You want me to do?’” How could asking that question change the way you approach an important decision in your life right now?
4. **Read 2 Samuel 7:8-9.** God reminded David that He had taken him from tending sheep and had been with him wherever he went. Why do you think God reminded David of his past before revealing His plans for David's future?

5. Consider the statement, "Never let the palace make you forget the pasture." What is one specific way you have seen God's faithfulness in your own story that you never want to forget?

6. **Read 2 Samuel 7:12-16 & Luke 1:32-33.** God's promise to David ultimately points forward to Jesus, the eternal King. How does knowing that God's Kingdom will ultimately prevail change the way we should respond to uncertainty in the world around us?

7. **Read Acts 13:36.** David is remembered as someone who "served the purpose of God in his own generation." If that statement were the goal for your life, what might you need to start doing, stop doing, or invest in differently?

Did You Know?

1. **The Ark had only recently arrived in Jerusalem.**
Second Samuel 6 records David bringing the Ark to Jerusalem shortly before the events of chapter 7. The first attempt ended tragically with the death of Uzzah, and David later brought the Ark into the city with great celebration and worship. That background helps explain why the Ark and honoring God's presence were so strongly on David's mind.
2. **The Ark and the original Tabernacle were actually in different places.**
David placed the Ark inside a tent he had prepared for it in Jerusalem, but the Mosaic Tabernacle and its bronze altar remained at Gibeon for a time (1 Chronicles 16:1, 39-40; 2 Chronicles 1:3-4). Israel's central worship would not be permanently united in Jerusalem until Solomon built the Temple.
3. **David's Jerusalem was much smaller than the Jerusalem most people picture today.**
The original "City of David" occupied a narrow ridge south of what later became the Temple Mount. David captured this former Jebusite stronghold and made it Israel's political capital, establishing Jerusalem as the city that would become central to Israel's history.
4. **The future Temple site had not yet been selected in 2 Samuel 7.**
Later in David's life, after purchasing the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, David identified that location as the site for the future Temple (2 Samuel 24:18-25; 1 Chronicles 21:28-22:1). Solomon would eventually build the Temple there.

5. Solomon inherited more than David's throne. He inherited David's preparation.

Although David was not permitted to build the Temple, he later gathered enormous quantities of building materials, organized workers, made plans, and charged Solomon with completing the work (1 Chronicles 22; 28-29). David never saw the finished Temple, but he spent years preparing the next generation to accomplish what God had assigned to them.

Going Deeper

Acts 13:36 gives David an extraordinary epitaph, “David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep...”

Think about the generation God has placed you in. Who are the people God has specifically entrusted to your influence? Your family? Children or grandchildren? Friends? Coworkers? Someone younger in the faith?

What would it look like for you to intentionally serve God's purpose among those people rather than simply pursuing your own plans?

Next Step

This week, identify one investment you can make that could outlast you. Encourage someone younger. Share your faith story with your children or grandchildren. Begin discipling someone. Serve in a ministry. Give toward something advancing God's Kingdom. Write down a lesson God has taught you and share it with someone who needs it.

Remember... You don't have to live forever to build something that matters forever. Ask God to help you serve His purpose faithfully in your generation and leave the people behind you pointing toward Jesus.