

DAVID

WELCOME / OPEN IN PRAYER

INTRODUCTIONS: Share the topic & takeaway this week from above

REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK: Did you have an opportunity to encourage someone last week who was struggling to find courage in God?

GOD-STORIES: A God-story is an undeniable encounter or experience with God that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

REVIEW THE GUIDELINES: Share the guidelines to set the rails for group time

SAFE ENVIRONMENT | CONFIDENTIALITY | LISTEN | PAUSE | SILENCE | NO "CROSS TALK" | NO FIXING | NO RESCUING | SHARING | SELF AWARE | "I" STATEMENTS | CONFLICT

WEEK #3

Thought provoking question: Describe a time when someone stood up for you.

Title: David

Topic: True Friendship

Takeaway: Biblical friendship is meant to be relational, not transactional.

SHARE BACKGROUND AND PROVIDE CONTEXT TO THE BIBLE STORY.

In 1 Samuel chapter 18, we read about Jonathan and David making a covenant of friendship, with Jonathan expressing his belief that David will become king in place of his father. In chapter 19, we see Saul's jealousy of David growing as the people continue to praise David for his victories over the Philistines. Saul becomes increasingly paranoid and starts seeing David as threatening his kingship. He tries to kill David multiple times, leading to David fleeing from Saul and living as a fugitive. This creates a rift between Saul and Jonathan, with Jonathan defending David and rebuking his father's actions. Despite Jonathan's attempts to reconcile with his father, Saul's enmity towards David grows and drives a wedge between them. In Chapter 20, we see Johnathan's loyalty to God and to David as David asks for his help.

SHARE THE STORY (1 Samuel 20)

INVITE EVERYONE TO ENGAGE BY REBUILDING THE STORY.

READ SCRIPTURE OUT LOUD TO SEE IF ANYTHING WAS ADDED OR OMITTED

DIVE DEEPER WITH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- 1 - What does it mean to be a "Good" friend?
- 2 - What can we learn about the friendship and loyalty within the relationship between David and Jonathan?
- 3 - How should your expectations of friendship change for yourself and others?
- 4 - _____
- 5.- _____

PRAYER REQUESTS

Share & record prayer requests & follow up throughout the week

ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY: 1 Samuel 24

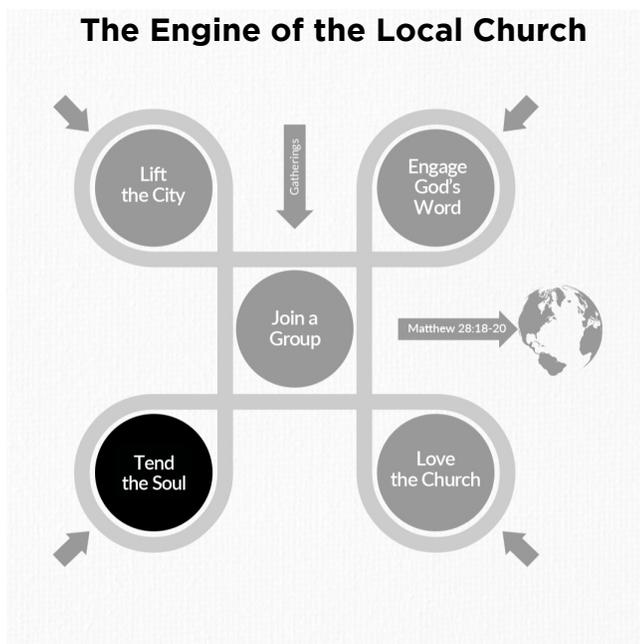
ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER.

SERIES TAKEAWAY: The Life of David

If you want to experience a spiritual life filled with God's presence and victory, even in the challenging seasons of solitude, monotony, and obscurity, it's essential to cultivate a heart for God that is overflowing with faith, courage, humility, and integrity. As we learn from the example of David, a shepherd and king whose life was far from perfect, but who was famously described as a "man after God's own heart," it's possible for anyone, no matter their past mistakes or current circumstances, to be used by God to do great things. Through his flaws and failures, David teaches us about how God can take the broken and restore the repentant, raising up men and women to achieve great things for His glory.

PSALM 78:70-72 NASB "He (God) also chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds; from the care of the ewes with suckling lambs He (God) brought him to shepherd Jacob His (God's) people, and Israel His inheritance. So he (David) shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them with his skillful hands.

Inviting people into meaningful relationship with God and each other

**Tend the Soul**

Have A Vision for Your Life! As you prepare for your New Year ask these 5 questions:

- 1) Who do I want to become?
- 2) What habit do I need to start?
- 3) What habit do I need to stop?
- 4) Who is keeping me accountable?
- 5) Is my goal intentional, measurable, and achievable?

Elevate Your Prayer Life! Pray to God regularly. You never know when or where God will invade your life.

Practice praising God in the monotonous moments of your life! You may feel alone in obscurity, but God is actually metamorphosing it for His glory.

Never Walk Alone! Seek, find, discover someone you can share your life with about the lessons God is teaching you along the way.

7 Essentials as a Disciple Maker

[Abiding in Christ](#)

[Reaching the Lost](#)

[Connecting the Unconnected Chasing the Strays](#)

[Intentionally Shepherding People Towards Spiritual Maturity](#)

[Identifying Equipping and Releasing Leaders](#)

[Functioning as a Team](#)

5 Key Components of a Disciple Making Church

[Biblical Foundation for Relationship](#)

[Intentional Leader](#)

[Relational Environment](#)

[Reproducible Disciple-Making Process](#)

[Church Alignment](#)