

WELCOME / OPEN IN PRAYER

INTRODUCTIONS: Share the topic & takeaway this week.

REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK: Were you able to submit a plan or goal of yours to God this past week?

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.

WEEK #5

Thought provoking question: If you could choose a superpower, what would it be? Why?

GUIDELINES

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

Title: David

Topic: Superhuman Superheroes

Takeaway: Despite failures, heroes can still be used by

God to unlock their greatest potential.

SHARE BACKGROUND AND PROVIDE CONTEXT TO THE BIBLE STORY.

From 2 Samuel, Chapter 1 through 10 continues our story of King David. It begins with David being told of the death of King Saul and his son Jonathan, who were killed in battle against the Philistines. David expresses his grief and is anointed King by the prophet Samuel & establishes his rule over Israel. David makes Jerusalem the nation's capital, defeats the Philistines, and brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. As David was commanding his part of the world, he seemingly had everything going for him as a leader. But despite his accomplishments as a leader and his loving heart as a father, he was also a flawed human being. In 2 Samuel Chapter 11, we see the story of King David's downfall as he commits adultery with Bathsheba and arranges for the death of her husband, Uriah.

SHARE THE STORY (2 Samuel 11)

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 Why do you think God chooses to show the flaws and failures of some of the Bible's greatest heroes?
- 2 If I were Satan, how would I take you out?
- 3 What one thing can you do that will most help you find protection from your area of vulnerability? How can we help as a group to give support?

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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

The Engine of the Local Church Lift the City Join a Group Tend the Soul Love the Church

Tend the Soul

<u>Have A Vision for Your Life!</u> 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?

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

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

<u>Never Walk Alone!</u> 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

<u>Identifying Equipping and Releasing Leaders</u>

Functioning as a Team

5 Key Components of a Disciple Making Church

Biblical Foundation for Relationship

<u>Intentional Leader</u>

Relational Environment

Reproducible Disciple-Making Process

Church Alignment