



SMALL GROUP STUDY

David's Triumphs

This book is a story about how David became the king of Israel. Saul has been killed in battle. The kingdom is given to a man after God's own heart; David, the son of Jesse. David went from shepherding in the fields to serving in the court of Saul, to being king over the nation of Israel.

Crying over the King, Coronation as King (chapters 1 and 2)

Although Saul hounded David for ten years, David laments his death and the death of Saul's son Jonathan. Even though David is anointed as king over the house of Judah, there is one remaining son of Saul and Abner, the commander in chief of Saul's army, declares him the new king. This catapults the country into a civil war.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What is the name of Saul's remaining son?

Conflict with the King's house, Conflict in the King's house (chapters 3 and 4)

The conflicts continue with more murder, intrigue, revenge and God's laws being disregarded.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Why was Joab so angry with Abner?
- b. Why does David have Rechab and Baanah executed and their hands and feet cut off?

Confirmation as King, Compromise of the King (chapter 5 and 6)

King David and his men go to Jerusalem against the Jebusites. David took the stronghold of Zion, the City of David. For 70 years the ark of God has been neglected, David decides to move it to Jerusalem. Despite David's sincerity, a man dies because the proper protocol is not followed.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Which tribe was officially authorized to carry the ark?
- b. Examine your heart: Is sincerity enough? What changes do you need to make?

The Covenant with the King's King (chapter 7)

This is the most important chapter in the Bible. A promise, a covenant that God makes with King David is found in this chapter. All of the rest of the scriptures rest on this.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What five-fold covenant does God make with David?

A Conquering Leader; A Kind Gesture; A Cold Shoulder (chapters 8-10)

Through a series of military and political victories David consolidates the borders. David shows kindness to Jonathan's son Mephibosheth.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Examine your world: what kindness can you show today that will demonstrate the love of God to this unkind world we live in?
- b. What misunderstanding cost the lives of 50,000 Syrians and Ammonites?