

REALITY CHECK

WEEK 4

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What's the kindest thing you've done for someone? What made it so special? Have you ever had someone do something like that for you? How did it make you feel?
- Please read 2 Samuel 9:1-13. What kind of feelings are evoked in you when you read this passage? What do you believe David's motivation was for being kind to Mephibosheth? Why does this kindness not make sense?
- Outrageous generosity and compassion are hallmarks of Jesus' ministry. Please read Luke 26-37. What do you think is the emphasis behind Jesus' seemingly irrational perspective on how to treat people including your enemies? What are the dangers of living Jesus' way? What are the potentials?
- Living Jesus' way puts people above everything else. How are you putting people above everything else in your life? What aspects of your life tend to push people to a secondary importance? What needs to change in your life?

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WEEK 3

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever experienced being rescued from something that could have been life-threatening? If so, how did it make you feel? How do you feel about the person or persons who rescued you?
- Please read 2 Samuel 7:18-29. Why is David so grateful (2 Samuel 7:1-18)? What first comes to mind when you read this passage? What did David do to be worthy of this kind of generosity from God?
- On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being really high, how much gratitude is currently in your heart? Why do you think it is that high or low? When was the last time you took time to remember what all God has rescued you from (either things you were caught up in or things walking with Jesus has kept you from)? Please take some time to think through what God has rescued you from?
- How do you feel now that you have reflected on what God has rescued you from? How does that change your perspective? How can you make stopping to remember more a part of your life? Jesus rescued you and He is for you, how are you displaying trust for Him and His ways in the way you live out your life of gratitude?

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WEEK 2

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did you learn about the Ark of the covenant from the sermon? And what shortcut did David take when transporting the Ark?
- God is not arbitrary in His commands. There is always a purpose to what He asks us to do. How have you seen this play out in your own life?
- What are shortcuts we take with God? Why are there no shortcuts with God? What happens when we try to take those shortcuts?
- How is God worthy of our worship? Should this influence our desire to take shortcuts? Why?
- When have you tried to take a shortcut with God? What happened?

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WEEK 1

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2 Samuel 1-5:5

- What Reality TV shows do you like to watch? What's your favorite part of the show? Why? How can your own personal life sometimes feel like Reality TV?
- David's life definitely comes off like Reality TV. When you think through all that happens in 1 Samuel chapters 1-4, how would you describe David's life at that point? If you found yourself in a similar place how would you feel? How do you think David felt about having had to wait so long to become king when God has promised him that so much earlier?
- David actively waited for God's timing. What does "active waiting" mean to you? How would you practice that in your own life? What does it mean to really "wait" on something?
- What are you waiting on in your life right now that you believe God has promised you? What are you doing in the mean time? What's your next step?