

LifeGroup Leader Guide

David: Humbled

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Opening Prayer

“Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word and for the example of David—a man after Your own heart. As we open Your Word and share our hearts tonight, give us wisdom, humility, and courage to apply Your truth. Help us see Jesus, the greater Son of David, in every story and every lesson. In His name we pray, Amen.”

Sermon Summary Video: Watch the video together as a group.

1. What insights, comments, or questions do you have about this week's sermon?

Leader Insight:

Begin by allowing open reflection. Encourage honesty and personal takeaways. Highlight that transformation begins when we wrestle with God’s Word—not just hear it. Guide the conversation toward application rather than critique of the sermon.

2. David lists his “mighty men” who risked everything for him (23:8–39). Who has been a “mighty” friend or mentor in your life who went beyond duty to serve you in a season of need?

Leader Insight:

Draw attention to how loyalty and sacrificial friendship reflect Christ’s love. Use this as an opportunity to celebrate God’s faithfulness through others. Encourage participants to consider how they might be that kind of friend for someone else.

3. David’s “last words” center on God’s covenant rather than his own achievements (23:1–7). When you imagine your “last words,” what legacy do you want to leave?

Leader Insight:

Help the group think beyond accomplishments to character and faithfulness. Ask: “What do you want

your family or friends to remember about your walk with God?” Remind them that legacy is built daily through small acts of obedience.

4. David’s census was rooted in pride and distrust (24:1–9). When have you recently taken a “census” of your resources, talents, or achievements instead of trusting God’s provision?

Leader Insight:

Discuss how self-reliance subtly replaces faith. Encourage vulnerability but avoid shame—emphasize that awareness of pride is a step toward deeper trust. Point back to God’s consistent provision even when we rely on ourselves.

5. After his sin, David’s heart “struck him” (24:10). Describe a moment the Holy Spirit convicted you almost instantly; how did you respond, and what did it teach you?

Leader Insight:

Model humility by sharing your own brief example if appropriate. Emphasize that conviction is a sign of God’s mercy, not condemnation. Discuss how quick repentance restores intimacy with God.

6. Hannah’s Song promised God would “guard the feet of his faithful ones” (1 Sam 2:9). Where do you need God to guard your steps right now from pride or presumption?

Leader Insight:

Encourage reflection on areas of overconfidence or independence. Remind the group that humility is protection. Invite members to pray for each other in specific areas where they need God’s guarding hand.

7. Hannah sang that God “raises up the poor from the dust...to make them sit with princes” (1 Sam 2:8); David’s mighty men were outcasts who became princes through him. How does Jesus, the greater Son of David, take spiritual nobodies and seat them with Him in heavenly places (Eph 2:6)?

Leader Insight:

Celebrate the grace of God that elevates the undeserving. Highlight the connection between David’s mighty men and Christ’s disciples—ordinary people transformed by grace. Invite gratitude and worship for our new identity in Christ.

8. Hannah's Song ends with the promise of an anointed king (1 Sam 2:10); David's last words still point forward. How does Jesus' kingship give you confidence when your own leadership or life feels unstable?

Leader Insight:

Close the discussion by focusing on Jesus as the unshakable King. Acknowledge that leadership and life bring uncertainty, but Jesus' eternal reign assures us that nothing is out of His control. Lead the group in reaffirming their trust in Him.