



Week Three | David | 12.18-19.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Series Recap: The Christmas story is full of wonder and magical memories of a night two thousand years ago that changed everything. It would be easy to assume the men and women outlined in Jesus' lineage were all faithful and nearly perfect, but what we find instead is a long line of imperfect people that God used to get the world ready for the moment His Son would come into the world.

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What are you most looking forward to this Christmas?
- Digging Deeper: What are the ways in our lives that we are unwilling to follow Jesus? What prevents us from pursuing Him?

» Observation | Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 2 Samuel 11:1-27; Psalm 51:1-17; John 3:17; Hebrews 12:2

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | No one is too broken to be used by God.

(10 minutes)

- How does it help to see the mess David made of his life and know that he was forgiven by God and used by God despite all of his sins?

» What made David a man after God's own heart? | Reread 1 Samuel 16:1-13

(10 minutes)

- What do you notice about David from this first interaction? What do you think it means to be "after God's own heart?"

» What would disqualify David? | Reread 2 Samuel 11:1-27; Psalm 51:1-9

(10 minutes)

- David's actions should have disqualified him from being used by God, but it didn't. What do you learn about God's character?

» What is the most important thing David needed? | Reread John 3:17

(10 minutes)

- What does grace mean to you? How would you define or describe it to someone who asked?

» What would make you a man or woman after God's own heart? |

(10 minutes)

Reread Hebrews 12:2; Psalm 51:10-17

- What stands out from Psalm 51 that shows us what it looks like to be a man or woman after God's own heart?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(13 minutes)

- What are some ways that God can use any brokenness in your past to be a help to someone today?
- Close by praying for each other to allow God to use even the most broken parts of your stories for His bigger purpose.