



THIS IS MY BIBLE
Ordinary People with Extraordinary Stories
1 & 2 Samuel
Life Group Questions

Getting Started

1. In I Samuel 3:1-10, God is calling Samuel but Samuel didn't realize it was God. Discuss a time in your life when you felt God was prompting you or speaking to you but you didn't realize it until later.
2. What lessons can we draw from Samuel's response to God's call?

Digging Deeper

1. In I Samuel chapters 3-6, the Philistines capture the Ark of the Covenant. Discuss the Ark. What was it? Why was it important?
2. Explore the process of Saul's appointment as the first king of Israel. What qualities initially make Saul a suitable choice for kingship, and how do these qualities change over time? (I Samuel 8)
3. In I Samuel 10, Saul makes a mistake and Samuel rebukes him. What did Saul do and why did Samuel rebuke him?
4. What were the consequences of Saul's sin? (I Samuel 10:13-14)
5. Discuss the significance of David's anointing as the future king of Israel. How does God choose leaders, and what qualities make David different from Saul? (I Samuel 16:7)
6. Examine the story of David and Goliath. What does this narrative reveal about David's faith, courage, and trust in God? How can we apply these principles in facing challenges in our own lives? (I Samuel 17)
7. In 2 Samuel, David is anointed as King of Israel. Read 2 Samuel 5:1-5. Discuss the highs and lows of David's reign as king. What are the key accomplishments and challenges he faces during his time as king?
8. 2 Samuel chapter 9 documents one of the most beautiful stories in the Bible. Are you familiar with it? Read and discuss the elements of this story and how it applies to the grace that Jesus gives us. (NOTE: it was common for the new king to kill the

previous king's entire family so his throne could not be threatened.)

9. The next several chapters in 2 Samuel (chapters 10-15) document David's home life and his family. Discuss some of the events that took place and how David could be such a success as king but have so many problems in his family.

Applying the Message

1. Despite being a "man after God's own heart" David struggled in his professional life and his personal life. In what ways can you identify with David? What lessons can you learn from some of his mistakes?
2. Was there a specific story or verse in 1 and 2 Samuel that stood out to you? Something that God spoke to you about?