

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

DAVID: The Making of a King

Week 7: The Submissive Subordinate
1 Samuel 24:1-22

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Do you have trouble respecting authority? This week, Jeff shares all about how we can learn from David to respect and honor strong leaders and follow God's authority in our lives.

Kicking it off:

If you could be any leader from history, who would you pick? And why?

Discussion:

1. What's your typical reaction when someone in authority (e.g., a parking attendant or "mall cop") confronts you? How do you handle being told what to do?
2. Examples of leaders behaving badly abound all around us. On the other hand, what are some qualities that you appreciate most in a good leader?
3. Jeff shared how David is commendable for respecting leaders, even when they aren't respectable. From these Scripture passages, we know God created leadership to be a beautiful thing. Which of these verses resonates with you the most? (Try taking turns with each verse read by one group member using a Bible or via Biblegateway.com.)

Exodus 22:28

1 Thessalonians 5:12

Hebrews 13:17

Romans 13:1

1 Timothy 2:2

1 Peter 2:13-14

4. Government, family, school, work, etc. ... where do you sense God is calling you to step up in leadership and influence others in this season of life? What challenges are you facing there?
5. Read 1 Samuel 24:5 and 24:11. Jeff described David showing honor to leaders in both attitude (respect) and action (submission). Which of these is harder for you to do?

"Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe." (NIV)

"I cut off the edge of your robe but did not kill you so you can be sure that I do not have any evil intent and I am not rebelling. I have not sinned against you, even though you keep hunting for me to take my life." (EHV)

6. Jesus spoke often about the "kingdom of Heaven" and explained how our present and eternal circumstances are wrapped up in authority. Ultimately, God wants us to enjoy Him as the perfect leader in our lives. What holds you back from experiencing that? What do you think your life would look like if you fully submitted to following His guidance?

Wrapping It Up:

God encourages us to follow hard after Him. Ask God to help each group member embrace His plan of yielding to God's supreme authority in your life.