

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

David (The Life of a King)

Week 1: Celebrating God Wholeheartedly
2 Samuel 6:12-23

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Israel had a new king (David) and a new capital city (Jerusalem). They held a parade to celebrate the inauguration of Jerusalem, and David's approach to that celebration revealed the unique character of their new monarch. We must learn to follow David's inspiring example.

Kicking It Off: If you were crowned as the new monarch, would you choose to live in the castle in the mountains, the palace in the city, or the royal residence at the oceanside?

Discussion:

1. Read 2 Samuel 6:11 *The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed him and his entire household.*

What was the Lord seeking to teach us by blessing Obed-Edom?

2. Reread 2 Samuel 6:12 *David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing.*

What is the spiritual significance of David's action here?

3. Reread 2 Samuel 6:14-15 *Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.*

What is the source of David's joy?

4. Should our worship be "reserved and reverent" or "exuberant?"

5. Reread 2 Samuel 6:20 *When David returned home, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls as any vulgar fellow would!"*

Michal believes that David's behavior at the parade violated royal protocol. What did David's unprecedented behavior tell us about his heart?

6. Reread 2 Samuel 6:21 *David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord's people—I will celebrate before the Lord."*

David used the phrase "before the Lord" twice. What did he mean by that phrase?

7. What does it mean to "enjoy God"?

Wrapping It Up: Ask God to help you obey the command to "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4).