

It's Not About Me Small Group Guide

Warm-up Questions:

1. What is one of the most selfless acts you've witnessed or experienced?
2. If you could have any superhero help you with a project, who would you choose and why?

Read the Following Passage: 2 Samuel 7:1-29

In 2 Samuel 7, we see God's covenant with David, known as the Davidic Covenant. David, having experienced peace and success, desires to build a house for God. However, God redirects David's plans, revealing that He, not David, will establish an eternal house and kingdom. This passage demonstrates that our achievements are not solely our own but are gifts of God's grace. It calls us to recognize God's sovereignty, depend on His guidance, and trust in His promises.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Remember that every success is a gift of God's grace.

- Read 2 Samuel 7:1-2 & 1 Corinthians 4:7. What do these verses teach us about the source of our abilities and achievements? How can you cultivate a heart of gratitude that regularly acknowledges God's grace in your successes?
- Reflect on a recent success in your life. How can you recognize and thank God for His role in it?

2. Refuse to presume to know God's heart.

- Read 2 Samuel 7:3-5. Why is it dangerous to assume we know God's plans without seeking His guidance? Share a time when you made plans without consulting God. What was the outcome, and what did you learn?
- When was the last time you felt genuinely excited to spend time in God's Word? How often do you find yourself rushing through Scripture reading just to check it off your list? What changes can you make to ensure that your time in God's Word more engaging and transformative?
- Are you hesitant to seek God's heart in certain areas because you fear He might require significant change or sacrifice? What steps can you take to confront this fear and fully trust God's plan, even if it means letting go of something important to you?

3. Recognize that God must build my house before I can build His house.

- Read 2 Samuel 7:5-10. What does this passage teach us about God's priorities?
- Read Romans 8:28 and Hebrews 12:11. Reflect on how God works for the good of those who love Him, using all experiences, including difficult times, to prepare and develop qualities necessary for His greater purpose. How have you seen God's hand at work in your life, even in moments of apparent failure or disappointment?
- What specific areas of your life do you need to surrender to God's timing and purpose? How can you cultivate a deeper trust in God's process, allowing Him to build your "house" before you seek to build for Him?

4. Retreat into God's presence.

- Read 2 Samuel 7:17-18 and Psalm 73:16-17. What does it mean to retreat into God's presence, and why is it important?
- When faced with rejection or disappointment, do you tend to retreat into God's presence or rely on your own efforts? How can you prioritize spending extended, focused time with God to gain His perspective and find peace?

5. Respond to God's revelation.

- Read 2 Samuel 7:19-22. How can you ensure that your prayers and actions remain focused on God's purposes and not just on your personal desires? What changes might you need to make in your prayer life to reflect this focus?
- Read 2 Samuel 7:25-29 and James 1:22-25. David's prayer includes asking God to fulfill His promises and shows a commitment to living in accordance with God's will. Reflect on an area of your life where God has revealed a principle or direction that you need to apply.
- Discuss ways you can make your prayer life more about God's will and less about your own desires.

Pray: Close your group time by praying for each other to shift focus from self to God, for wisdom in seeking God's heart, and for strength to let God build and guide our lives.