



## Life Group Study Guide

David—King of Israel  
2 Samuel 5-10

(Parallel Section: 1 Chronicles 11-19)

### Overview

David finally became King of Israel about 15 years after being anointed as the successor to King Saul by Samuel the Prophet. Under David's leadership, Israel experienced many military victories and also enjoyed material blessings from God. David established Jerusalem as his capital and the center of worship for the nation by moving the Ark of the Covenant there. David wanted to build a house for God (a temple), but instead God assured David that He would build David's "house" (David's legacy). The Lord would work through a descendant of David to build God's house, and also would establish David's lineage on the throne of Israel forever.

#### 1. Read 2 Samuel 2-4; 5:1-5

- What is the difference between the throne of Judah and the throne of Israel?
- After David had possession of the throne of Judah, why did it take several additional years for him to take the throne of all of Israel?
- Why do you think God made David wait so many years after Samuel anointed him to receive the throne?

#### 2. Read 2 Samuel 6:1-13; 1 Samuel 6:1-12; Exodus 25:12-15; Numbers 4:5-6, 15

- How did David and the men with him transport the Ark?
- Where did they probably get the idea of moving it on an ox cart? (see 1 Samuel 6:1-12)
- How should they have transported it according to Exodus 25:12-15, and Numbers 4:5-6, 15?

#### 3. Read 2 Samuel 6:12-23; 1 Samuel 18:17-19:17; 2 Samuel 3:12-16

- Who was Michal and how did she become David's wife? (see 1 Samuel 18:17-19:17; 2 Samuel 3:12-16)
- What insights do you get from the text about the health and quality of Michal and David's marriage relationship?
- What do you think could have been going on inside of Michal that triggered her to despise David and respond to him like she did?

**4. Read 2 Samuel 9:1-13; 1 Samuel 19 & 20**

- Who was Mephibosheth?
- Why did David proactively seek him out? Why do you think David was so gracious to him? (see 1 Samuel 19 & 20)

**5. Read 2 Samuel 10:1-5; Isaiah 7:20; Isaiah 20:4; 1 Samuel 24:1-8**

- What happened to the delegation that David sent to show kindness to the King of the Ammonites?
- Why do you think the Ammonites treated them this way? (see Isaiah 7:20; Isaiah 20:4)
- Why do you think David was sensitive to his men's embarrassment and took steps to minimize it?
- Why is it so hard to wait patiently on God's timing?
- How can you make sure you are doing this God's way instead of your own?