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Group Guide

Davidic Covenant

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Main Passage: 2 Samuel 7

Theological Theme

Even when we think we are honoring the Lord, we must trust His plans and timing over our own.

Introduction

- ❓ What is a dream or goal of yours that has been changed as you have grown over the years?
- ❓ How does trusting the Lord enable us to dream bigger?

1. David's Offer (2 Samuel 7:1-7)

David was living in an expensive, beautiful home, but when he looked around at all the furnishings he enjoyed, it bothered him that the house of the Lord consisted of tent curtains. David had the good intention of honoring the Lord by establishing a more permanent dwelling place for God's presence.

- ❓ When have you seen the truth that a good thing meant to honor God may not always be God's will for that time or place?
- ❓ What does this teach you about submitting to God's will and wisdom in every area of life?
- ❓ Application: What is God teaching you about the timing of His plans for your life?

2. God's Response (2 Samuel 7:8-11)

God responded by recounting where it all started for David: as a shepherd for his father's sheep. God took David from the pasture to the throne with a lot of life lived along the way. Even though it was God's plan for David to succeed Saul as king, there was nothing easy about the process or the years that occurred between the anointing as a shepherd boy to his crowning as king.

- ❓ Why is it valuable to remember God's past work in your life?
- ❓ When was a time you felt God saying no to one of your plans? How did you respond? What is challenging about these moments?
- ❓ Application: Where is God calling you to trust Him over your own desires and plans?

3. David's Reply (2 Samuel 7:12-17, 28-29)

After promising to establish the house or dynasty of David, the Lord gave specifics of what that meant. Because David succeeded Saul instead of any of Saul's family, there was no precedent for a family monarchy. God promised David that his own offspring would sit on the throne after him. This was an important aspect of the legacy God promised for the house of David.

- ❓ How have you experienced this kind of love from the Lord and how does it affect the way you love others?
- ❓ How did God's plans for David surpass David's plans for God?
- ❓ Application: How will you be more intentional about willingly and humbly submitting to the will of God in your life?

Conclusion

- ❓ Where do you need to trust the Lord with your plans, even if it means they get denied or changed?
- ❓ How does a posture of humility ensure that we don't miss God plans while pursuing ours?
- ❓ How might submitting to God's plans over your own give you greater opportunity for gospel conversations with others?