

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Plot Twist

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Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:5b-6 NIV

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

## Read 1 Samuel 18:17-30

- Saul struggled as a leader of God’s people. Have you ever struggled as a leader? What challenges did you face? What can we learn from David and his style of servant leadership? How can we emulate these qualities in our own spheres of influence, whether at work, in the community, or within our families?
- Very quickly, David became a well-known figure in Israel and beyond. How did he handle the attention and recognition, and what can we learn from his response? In our own lives, how do we handle success and recognition? How can we remain humble and focused on serving others despite any achievements we may experience? Is there any position we might hold where we should not first seek the well-being of others?

## Read 1 Samuel 19

- Saul’s jealousy of David led him to pursue harmful actions. How could this situation have been different had Saul sought forgiveness and reconciliation? In your life, are there any situations where you need to extend forgiveness or seek reconciliation with others? If you have any frayed or broken relationships, what steps can you take to begin the healing process?
- Jonathan said to Saul, “Let not the king do wrong to his servant David.” In referring to his dad by the official title of King, Jonathan is showing respect to a deeply flawed father. How can we cultivate a heart of humility and respect towards authority figures, even if we disagree with them? How is this modeled by David and other



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characters in the New Testament?

- Jonathan confronts his father about his intent to kill David by reminding him of David's faithfulness to him and the nation. Jonathan's action took a lot of courage. Have you ever had to confront someone who was misguided or was acting with an err of judgment? What motivated you to enter that conversation? How can we identify situations where we should step in and speak truth?
- When David's life is threatened by Saul, he runs to Samuel, who is a light for God. Despite the threats and challenges David faced, his faith in God was never questioned. When things are not happening the way you want them to, do you ever question God's existence or any character traits of God? How can we strengthen our faith through times of uncertainty instead of giving into doubt?

### Read 1 Samuel 20

- This chapter highlights some of the challenges in navigating family dynamics. How can we handle conflicts within our families while maintaining respect for others and love toward God?
- Both Jonathan and David faced difficult decisions in their friendship. Have you ever had to make tough choices between personal interests and the well-being of others? If so, how did you approach it? How should we approach situations like this, and what scriptures do you use to affirm this position? What are some practical ways we can make sacrifices to support and help others?



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