

Life of David

Personal Study Guide // Redeemer Community Church

Instructions: Open your heart to God before you open the Word of God. Then read the passage slowly once or twice, working through the passage with these prompts and questions. Close your time by asking the Lord to help you apply what you've learned and give thanks to Him for what He's shown you.

- **OPTIONALLY:** *for those who would like more specific and detailed questions for help with understanding the passage, feel free to refer to the second page.*

Highlight: Which verse, or verses, stood out to you in your reading, and why?

Schedule of study:

- Wk. of 4 Mar: 2 Sam. 9:1-13
- Wk. of 11 Mar: 2 Sam. 11:1-27
- Wk. of 18 Mar: 2 Sam. 12:1-20
- Wk. of 25 Mar: Easter Sermon
- Wk. of 1 April: Psalm 63
- Wk. of 8 Apr: 2 Sam. 24:10-25
- Wk. of 15 Apr: 1 Chron. 29:1-20
- Wk. of 22 Apr: Celebration Sunday Sermon

Explain: What is the author's main point (or main points) in the passage?

Apply: From what you have read and studied in the passage, list how you can apply the passage in your own life. Use the SPECK rubric to help organize your thoughts. Is there a:

- Sin to avoid
- Promise to keep
- Example to follow
- Command to obey
- Knowledge to cherish and treasure

Respond:

- Write down some tangible steps you can take this week to respond to what you have read and learned from this week's passage.

Context questions:

- What has happened so far in the narrative? Have there been any major events, characters, or themes?
- What has happened just before the section you are reading?

Observing questions:

- What do you learn about the main characters in this section? How does the author describe them? How do they describe themselves?
- Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
- Is there a conflict or high point in the passage?
- Is there a main point or theme in this section of the story?
- What surprises are there?

Working towards the passage's point:

- Are there any 'editorial' comments from the author about the events in the narrative? How do these comments illuminate what is happening?
- Does someone in the narrative learn something or grow in some way? How? What does this person learn?
- How does the passage point forward to what God is going to do in the future? How does this passage point to Jesus or anticipate some aspect of His work?
- How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?