



LIFE OF DAVID: DAVID AND JONATHAN

1. Catch Up On Life:

This is when we update each other on the things that Jesus has been up to in our lives since we last saw each other. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

- Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2. Review the Mission:

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

People:

- Reactive - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- Proactive - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?

Plan:

- Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

Pray: Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

1. Have questions about the sermon? Ask us at bit.ly/2Kzyd9B
(form.jotform.com/91616134918157)

2. Looking to grow as a LifeGroup? MidtownLifeGroups.com
3. Check out our Bible reading and Prayer Plan based on this series at midtowncolumbia.com/reading-plan

3. Scripture & Sermon Discussion:

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, show us our sin, and strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)

Primary Passages: 1 Samuel 18:1-5

Read **1 Samuel 18:1-5** out loud. Spend some time silently reflecting and journaling the following questions as a LifeGroup

- What stands out from the passage?
- What does this passage reveal to us about God?
- What does this passage reveal to us about people?
- Share with one another what you thought, reflected, and wrote about.

Read the following out loud:

In the sermon, we were called to take our friendship needs to Jesus. And, we go to Him with our inability to be a true friend to others. We don't want to "weaponize" this sermon and use it as a way to critique and condemn the people around us. Rather, we turn our focus onto the friend that we are to others and the friend that Jesus is to us. At the same time, we want to be honest about our loneliness and how we long for friendships that are deeper and more significant than we currently have.

Jesus is the ultimate friend we need. When we don't look to Him first, we try to find in others what only He can provide. This week, how have you cultivated your friendship with Jesus?

In the sermon we said biblical friendship is committed - they are *for* and *with* one another. In what ways have you fallen short as a friend to others?

In what ways do you currently sense the need for meaningful friendships? (Disclaimer: you can only answer if you've answered the previous question. Remember, we are wired for relationships so

we want to honestly diagnose how we're feeling in our friendships without tearing others down.)

What does repentance look like in your friendships with others? How can you be a committed friend who is *for* and *with* others? (Examples can include seeking reconciliation, taking the initiative, showing hospitality, confessing sin to others, etc)

This week, what's one thing you can do to grow in your friendship with Jesus?

4. Engage the Heart:

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

- What are you struggling to trust God with this week? How can you give God control of it? (As people confess sin, make sure to remind one another of the good news Jesus offers. If need be, use the worksheet "Go-to Verses for Gospel Fluency" at MidtownLifeGroups.com)
- Has the Holy Spirit been prompting you to do anything that you've been resisting? What steps do you need to take to obey?

Pray: James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see a lot of healing. Confess your sins to God in prayer and pray for each other. **Pray** for the Spirit to work in you as you take steps of repentance.