



LIFE OF DAVID: DAVID AND NATHAN

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.

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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.

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: 2 Samuel 12

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Read **2 Samuel 12** 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.

What stood out overall from the sermon?

Narrate

As a church family, we want to point one another to Jesus because He is better than everything else. One way we do this is through our covenant practices - one of which states that we commit “to confession and repentance, fully expecting and welcoming correction from church family.” This is actually a beautiful opportunity to talk about sin openly and graciously, help each other see blind spots, and take next steps of repentance.

During this time, we’ll go around and allow some time for each person to take the “love seat” - you know, like the “hot seat” but better. One person will go at a time, and others in the LifeGroup will have the opportunity to lovingly address any issues they’ve noticed in your life that may be keeping you from growing in maturity. These concerns are to be brought with humility and graciousness.

(Important note: If you’re a co-ed LifeGroup, split up by gender now to do this. If your group is over 6 people, consider breaking up into smaller groups of 3-4 to do this.)

Prepare

Now take some time preparing your own heart to receive confrontation/correction, to be slow to speak and quick to listen. Take down notes so you can remember and process with the Lord later. Thank people for when they speak up, this is God’s grace gift to you! As a reminder, here’s what our posture should be:

“I’m not just going to say, ‘I’m out of here,’ because that’s what users do, but not friends. I’m not going to get defensive. I’m not going to get very, very, very demolished. I’m not going to get incredibly mad. I’m going to make it safe for you to see into my flaws and talk to me about it.” (Tim Keller)

Spend a few minutes now **praying** for yourself.

Now take some time preparing to give correction/confrontation for people in your group. Think of the following categories for each person you are with:

- Have you seen a pattern of sin in their life that they may not be fully aware of? (Blind spots)
- Have you seen them do something that doesn’t line up with Scripture? (Commission)
- Have you seen them not do something that does line up with Scripture? (Omission)
- Have you seen a besetting idol taking root in their hearts? Have you seen the fruit of it? (Idolatry - examples include power, comfort, control, approval)

Remember, our aim is to be restorative. Remind people who are in the love seat that you love them and want Jesus for them. When you point out specific sin issues, use gracious phrasing like the following:

- “It seems like you have an issue with ...”
- “It feels like you care too much about...”
- “I’m concerned by ...”
- “I’m confused by...”

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Spend 10-15 minutes now **praying** through the people in your group. Write down what God is laying on your heart, and how to graciously say it.

NAME	SIN YOU'VE NOTICED (blind spots, omission, commission, idolatry)	HOW TO SAY IT

Do

Since we want everyone to have an opportunity in the love seat, have someone volunteer to go first. (If you're a leader - give the gift of going second by being first to volunteer.) Once a person is chosen, invite others to speak into their lives. (Note: if people are newer to the group, there may not be much to be said, and that's okay!)

At the end of each person's time, have one person pray over them, thanking Jesus for the hope and security we have in the gospel and the Spirit's power to move us towards repentance.

Celebrate & Pray

Draw attention to the fact that only in the church--among people whom all need and have been saved by the same grace--could this ever happen. This may not be easy or common in our culture, but it is beautiful and unique and must be normalized if we are all to grow into the maturity Christ has for us. End the night by praying and thanking Jesus for the attractive and counter-cultural community He is creating among us.

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