

David Series Week 4

Discussion Guide



Icebreaker

Share about a time you thought you could “bend the rules” but found out you had to follow the terms (Netflix password sharing, sneaking out, not asking boss approval, etc.). Why do you think we naturally want things on our own terms?

Read

Take turns reading 1 Chronicles 13 & 15

Discuss

The Ark of God was representative of God’s promise, power and presence. The Ark had been neglected during Saul’s reign. Bringing the Ark back to the center of Israel’s life reflected David’s desire to remind the nation of its true foundation.

- **When life feels uncertain, where do you usually turn for stability or guidance and what happens when you stop looking to God for that?**

In David’s first attempt to bring the Ark of God back to Israel he tried to do it on his own terms and it resulted in the murder of Uzzah.

- **Thinking back to the story you shared about wanting to do something on your own terms, where do you see parallels between your story and David’s first attempt?**
- **What does this teach us about the importance of surrendering our plans and control to God?**

The death of Uzzah caused David to be afraid of God. To “Fear the Lord” is to recognize that God is holy (set apart), God is love (John 3:16), God is just (Romans 6:23, Psalm 145:17) and God gives grace (2 Cor. 12:9). When we fear the Lord, we also see ourselves as sinful, frail, and in need of God’s holiness.

- **What does it look like to fear the Lord in your everyday life?**
- **How might that change the way we respond in obedience to challenges, temptations, or relationships?**

In light of God’s grace and mercy you cannot forget his holiness. Romans 6:23 says “for the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- **How does remembering God’s holiness and His gift of grace give us a stronger foundation to live with hope?**

Application

David successfully brings the Ark of God back into the city of David in 1 Chronicles 15. The mistake was not in his desire to bring the Ark back, but rather in the method of bringing it back. David responded to God’s holiness.

- **What is your response to God’s holiness?**
- **Have you taken the next step?**
- **Have you publicly professed that Jesus is Lord of your life?**
- **Are you walking in obedience with the Lord?**

Prayer

Spend time in prayer and encouraging one another to take the next step in response to God’s holiness.