
Application Guide: 2 Samuel 9

1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Have you ever befriended someone that everyone told you to stay away from? How did that go?

- b. Think about your devotional life? What does it consist of? Does it help you to feel closer to God? Why/why not?

2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

Background: In David's time it was common for a new king to wipe out every living descendent of the previous king. Most people expected David to do this as well. But just as David refused to touch the "Lord's anointed"—he refused to kill his descendents as well—especially not the son of his best friend, Jonathan.

It can be very hard to go against traditions and people's expectations of you. How do you think David was able to do this so well?

Has there ever been a time when you did something that you thought was wrong but did it because you felt it was expected of you? Does that kind of pressure come more from adults or your peers?

What can you do to be more like David and do what God is calling you to no matter what? Do you think that your devotional life plays a role in helping you to do this? Why/why not?

3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Talk to a spiritual person that you know and trust. Talk to them about your devotional life. Ask them to help you to develop and progress in your own personal devotional time.
- b. Find someone you can be accountable to regarding your devotional life. Ask them to check in with you every few days and ask you how your time with God is going.
- c. Do some research on the devotional life and get a recommendation of a good book that will help you in your personal devotional journey.

4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)

- a. Pray for Jesus to guide you in your devotional times. Ask Him to send the Holy Spirit to draw close to you and remind you to spend time with Jesus.
- b. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you powerfully and help you to be addicted to your time with God.