LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

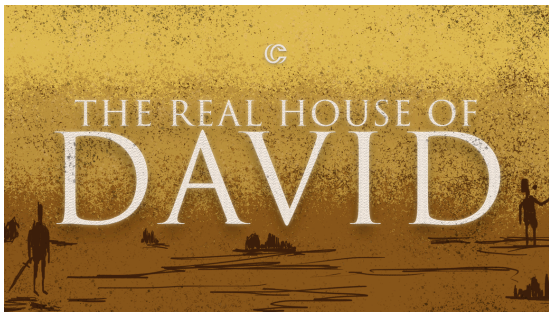
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WELCOME - (5-10 MINUTES)

Welcome Everyone. Introduce yourself and any new individuals.

Have a member read ALL of the group goals and ONE guideline.



BREAK THE ICE:

Think of a time someone showed you unexpected kindness. What did they do, and how did it make you feel?

What is F.R.A.N.?

Friends, **R**elatives,
Associates,
Neighbors!
Who are YOU inviting to Life Group?

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WORSHIP ACTIVITY - (10-15 MINUTES)

Ask the Life Group to stand-up & sing together. If your group meets in public, ask a member to text out a song before the meeting and have everyone worship on the way!

KINDNESS by Steven Curtis Chapman

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WORD - (15-20 MINUTES) READ 2 SAMUEL 9:1-13

1. Ask a volunteer or two to retell the story of David and Mephibosheth.
2. What aspects of these verses resonate with you?
3. Who initiated the interaction in this narrative? Why is this significant?
4. How could David have treated Mephibosheth? (reference 1 Kings 15:29, 2 Kings 10:10-11 and/or 1 Kings 16:11-12)
5. **READ 1 Samuel 20:12-16**. Why did David show compassion towards Mephibosheth?
6. How did David implement the character of Christ in the way he went above and beyond what he had promised to do?
7. In what ways have you experienced God's covenant, faithfulness, in your own life, even when you've felt unworthy and overlooked?
8. In what ways do you struggle with showing that kind of compassion?
9. In what ways does the Bible instruct you to show greater compassion towards others?
10. August 10th is *Friend Weekend*, an excellent opportunity to extend an invitation to church to those you know. Who will you be inviting? Showing kindness to others often begins with a simple invitation.

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WITNESS - (10-15 MINUTES)

BREAKOUT TIME: Break into smaller, like-gendered groups of 3-4. Address the following question(s):

- How do these scriptures and this discussion challenge you?
- Who is someone that you need to show unexpected kindness to because you feel as if they don't "deserve" it?
- Pray for one another, asking for God's help to show compassion to all, especially those we find challenging or believe don't deserve it.

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CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- **Now is a great time to invite your friends, relatives, associates and neighbors to Life Group! Who do you know that needs to be in a Life Group?**
- **FRIEND Weekend** is on Sunday, August 10th. Invite a F.R.A.N. AND JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR LOCATIONS. For times and locations, visit, celebrationchurch.org/friendsunday/
- **Calling all men! Register today for Celebration Men's Night on Tuesday, August 26 with Chris Harper from BetterMan. This will be a fantastic event that you don't want to miss!**