LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

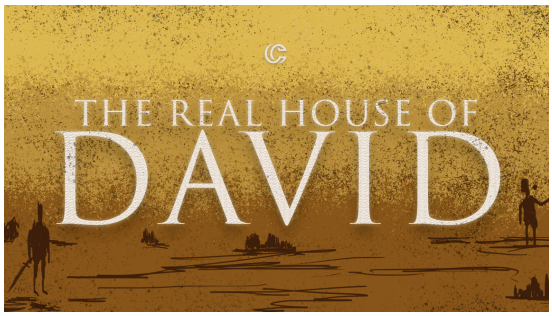
AUGUST 10 - 16, 2025

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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:
How do you like to spend rainy days?

Who did you meet last Sunday?
Collaborate as a Life Group to invite & follow up with potential new members.

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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!

Peace Be Still
by Hope Dearst

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WORD - (15-20 MINUTES) READ Matthew 14:22-34

1. What did Jesus instruct the disciples to do at the beginning of the story, and what was their situation on the water?
2. What were the disciples' and Peter's immediate responses when they saw Jesus walking on the water?
3. Why do you think Jesus allowed the disciples to struggle before revealing His presence?
4. What do Peter's actions–and Jesus' response when he starts to sink–teach us about how Jesus responds to our wavering faith?
5. "What does the way the disciples responded at the end of the story tell us about what they learned or realized about Jesus?"
6. Can you think of a time when Jesus asked you to "step out of the boat"? What held you back–or what helped you move forward in faith?
7. What would it look like for you to focus more on the presence of Jesus instead of the "wind and waves" in your current circumstances?
8. Which promise of Jesus do you need to hold onto this week, and how can this group help you walk it out?

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WITNESS - (10-15 MINUTES)

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

- What's the one thing that really stood out to you during the discussion?
- **Read 2 Timothy 1:7.** How can this Life Group help you stay calm or at peace in the mist of a storm?
- Take a moment to pray for one another, asking God to bring His peace into the middle of whatever "storms" each person may be facing.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

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- **Has everyone in the Life Group completed First Steps? This is a great place to meet the staff, find out more about ministry opportunities, ask questions and get plugged into a great community of believers.**
- *How was the Life Group Connection Event?* Did you and your members meet new people? Work together to create a plan for follow-up and discipling the new Life Group visitors.
- **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!**
- Save the Date for the Difference Makers' Conference taking place on Saturday, October 11th. This is going to be an inspiring day filled with dynamic speakers, powerful worship and creative content.