

Dependence on God Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. As a child, how did you answer the question: “What do you want to be when you grow up?”
2. What is one of the most helpful habits you have in your life?

Read the following passage: 1 Chronicles 29:10-20.

This passage describes one of the final events in David’s life: preparation for building the temple. David’s prayer expresses a God-centered and God-dependent posture that characterized David’s entire life.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Describe some of the ways that David expresses God-centeredness and God-dependence in this passage.
2. David had a big vision to build a temple for God’s glory. David’s son, Solomon, was the one who ultimately fulfilled this vision. Do you have a vision for your life that goes beyond your ability and that aims at something greater than your own personal well-being? What are some reasons we might we avoid embracing big vision in our lives? How does a vision centered on God’s kingdom differ from a big vision as our culture might define it?
3. Read 1 Peter 4:10. Compare it to 1 Chronicles 29:14-16. What does it mean to be a steward of God’s grace? How does this practically impact how we live?
4. Most “God-sized” visions are not fulfilled overnight. We often have to wait or persevere or overcome obstacles. What are some ways that God uses these “waiting periods” in our lives?
5. What does it look like practically to depend on God? Does depending on God mean that we should be passive or perhaps do nothing? Explain.
6. David had many victories, but he also experienced suffering in his life. How do we navigate the pain we experience while we pursue God’s will? What helps you persevere when you are experiencing pain of various forms?

Pray