



*David, son of Jesse, King of the Twelve Tribes of Israel will forever be remembered. He tended sheep. He fought giants. He betrayed his family. He forgave his enemies. He battled his son. He loved God. He wavered in faith. and he would somehow be forever known as the man after God's own heart. Join us this fall at CPC as we study the Rise and Fall of King David.*

WEEK 1: SUNDAY, SEPT 10

*"What to Do When Passion Fades"*

1 Samuel 7:5-12

### **Let's Warm Up**

- 1.) What was the best thing that happened to you this summer? What was the most surprising thing?
- 2.) What are you expecting out of this Life Group? What do you hope God will use it to do in your life?

### **Let's Get Into the Word!**

Read Judges 2:11-19

So Israel keeps making the same mistake over and over again - they forget what God has done for them and turn away from him no matter how dramatically (and miraculously he has saved them

- 3.) How judgemental should we be of the Israelites? Looking backward, it looks pretty silly. Would you say you are guilty of the same tendency to forget God?
- 4.) Why is the presence of God not more urgent in our lives? What serves to distract you most from giving God the kind of attention he deserves?
- 5.) Would you say that your passion for God has increased, decreased, or rollercoaster-ed over time? What has most affected how you would answer this question?

RISE AND FALL OF KING



Read 1 Samuel 7:5-12

6.) What things happen here to rebuild Israel's relationship with God?

7.) Samuel calls the people to contrition and repentance. Is thinking about what we have done wrong or mistakes we have made a healthy or unhealthy thing? When is it productive/unproductive?

8.) Do you feel an urgency to seek God in your life? What do you think needs to happen in your life for God to become your most pressing priority?

9.) God answers Samuel's prayer and saves Israel from foreign invaders. In the recent past, God chose NOT to save Israel. Does this inconsistency bother you? Do we know why God answers some prayers and not others?

10.) Samuel clearly wants a deep, holistic relationship with God, not just one where he seeks to get things from God. In seasons of life where we have not sought God, should we feel hesitant to go to him in prayer when we need something important?

11.) Samuel builds a stone of remembrance to be a physical reminder of God's love. We all need structure to buttress and encourage our faith. What are 2-3 encouragements that you know you need this fall to thrive in your faith?