

# York St Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021

The King and I, After God's Own Heart

2 Samuel 7



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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## **GETTING STARTED**

**Q1.** When was the last time you acted generously towards another person? What did you do?

What about selfishly? What did you do?

**Q2.** How do you think God feels about His people, and how often do we consider God's heart when we make decisions in our day-to-day lives?

## **INTO THE WORD**

### ***Read 2 Samuel 7:1-3***

**Q3.** When David examined what *he* 'had', he saw in his own eyes what *God* 'had' in the form of a home or building. David's reaction to this was to build a temple for God. When you look at what you have, do you consider God in what you should do with what you have been blessed with? What does God want/need from you?

### ***Read 2 Samuel 7:4-17***

**Q4.** In this passage we see that God sees David's heart and God corrects David's thinking that 'God needs a home', as God has always been with His people. God then blesses David with a promise that a kingdom will come from David's family resulting in Jesus. Are there ways in which we limit God like David did in thinking God is in a space, location, or routine? Can you think of a time when God showed His plan to you in a way that was unexpected?

## **GOING DEEPER**

**Q6.** Read through the passage again in 2 Samuel 7:11-17 and look for parallels between this passage and Jesus' life, death and resurrection. What stands out?

**Q7.** Spoiler alert... David's biggest failure was his family, yet God used David's family to save all humanity. Can you think of characters in the Bible who had failures and yet God used them to do great things? This week let's look at God's heart and place that against ours, let's put God first in our thoughts and actions and see where He leads us.

### **Pray**

Loving Father, we ask that our hearts would mirror yours, that we would follow the example of David in obedience and repentance. Let us see the example of Jesus and follow His heart for others acted out in love and compassion. Let us worship you in spirit and not limit you in our own ideas, may your name be praised in how we live a life of worship, in Jesus' name we pray, amen.