

Community Group Questions
2 Samuel 7

Opening question: Share a time when plans changed and left you disappointed. Looking back can you now see the hand of God in it?

Scripture study: 2 Samuel 7

- Read 7:1-3. Why might the opening words be welcomed by David? How are times of rest critical to our spiritual journey? What is David's idea and what prompts him to think this way? What do you think of Nathan's response?
- Read 7:4-7. Make some observations about these verses. Is there anything that surprises you about God's response to David's plan? What additional information do we gain from the parallel passage in 2 Chronicles 6:7-9? Why isn't David the one to build the temple (see also 1 Kings 5:3; 1 Chronicles 22:8; 28:3)? What does this tell us about the roles God has for different people and for us?
- Read 7:8-16. What are some things God has for David? How do these words speak to both near and distant events? How do we see here that what God will do is far greater than David's plans? How have you seen this principle at work in your life? What is the difference between these two statements: What are we building for God and what is God building?
- Is it wrong to have plans? What does James 4:13-17 tell us about our plans?
- Read 7:18-22, 28-29. How is David's prayer a good example of how we are to respond to broken dreams? What do we learn about thanksgiving and praise from these verses? In prayer time, spend time giving thanks for the One who is for you!