

## Members' Handout - 2 Samuel 23:1-39

Series: 2 Samuel



*These CG Resources are meant to help our CGs facilitate a study of the Bible passage with a focus on applying God's truth to our lives together. Refer to the Summary, Fallen Condition and Good News sections at the beginning of the guide to keep the discussion focused. For a deeper dive into the passage, refer to the text notes on the passage.*

### Big Idea & Takeaway

God's king must rule with justice and in the fear of God. Though David only imperfectly foreshadows this kind of kingship, he exhorts future kings to model after it. God will ultimately raise one offspring from David's house who will embody this perfect kingship.

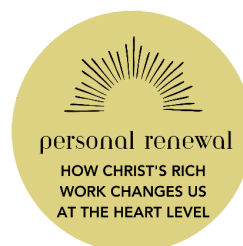
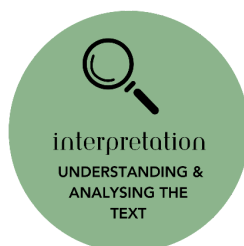
### Fallen Condition Focus

Not living with the fear of God and rejecting the rule of Jesus in our lives (something something about justice?)

### Connecting to Christ

*How specific people, events or institutions in the passage foreshadow Christ and His Work*

Jesus is the true and better Davidic king. As Jesus has obeyed the Father to go to the cross and redeem His people, the Father has raised Jesus to the throne of David, and Jesus now reigns eternally and through His reign, ushering in His kingdom of perfect justice and righteousness.



### Interpretation

1. How does David instruct future kings to rule? How does v4 describe the effects of such a rule?
2. V4 is contrasted with v6-7. Who are these “worthless men,” and what is the outcome of their lives?
3. How would you rate David’s kingship? Consider v39, what might the author’s view of David’s kingship be like?
4. What is the “everlasting covenant” that David speaks about in v5? Why is David hopeful about this covenant with God (2 Samuel 7:12-17)?

### Fallen Condition

5. Are there areas of our lives where we have not submitted to the rule of Jesus? Why might we resist the rule of Jesus in our lives, and what does it reveal about what we believe about God’s desire for our lives?

### Personal Renewal

6. Read Luke 1:68-79. How does it reveal God’s heart for us and what He has done for us through Jesus Christ?
7. How does knowing Jesus’ heart for us help us to submit to His rule over our lives?

### Response

8. Consider the areas discussed in Q5. What does it mean to turn those areas over to Jesus’ rule, and pray for the Spirit to help us trust that Jesus’ desire is for us to flourish under His loving rule.