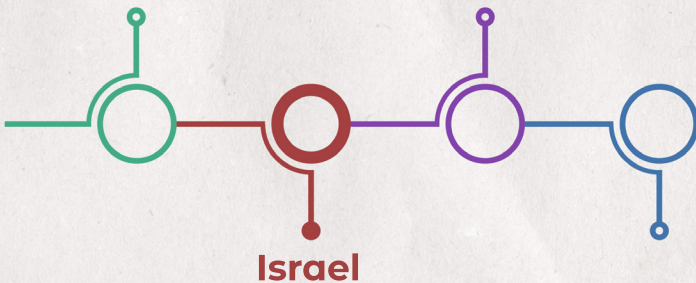


meeting God

UNFOLDING

on the pages of His story



Part One

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Everything is very good.
Something threatens that goodness.
Someone rises to make things better than ever.

True of OUR stories because
this is true of THE story:
The story of the three-in-one God.

ORIGINS

God is love and has always existed. He created all things. And made US to enjoy His love and serve His mission in the world. But we wanted to do our own thing instead. So, God rightly sent humanity away, and the whole world fell into sin and death.

**But He was still
unfolding His purposes.**

He chose one couple, Abraham and Sara, and delivered the nation that came from them—Israel. Gave them life with Him, and the mission—to bring His blessing to the nations. But Israel wanted to do its own thing instead. So, God sent them away.

**But He was still
unfolding His purposes.**

ISRAEL

JESUS

Having preserved a faithful few in Israel, God came into His world as a human. Jesus loved God and people, and embraced God's mission in the world. Yet the world wanted to do its own thing instead. So, they sent Jesus away. Though He had done nothing wrong, Jesus gave Himself to be killed on a cross, where He absorbed all of humanity's sin against God.

**Even in this,
God was unfolding His purposes.**

He raised Jesus from the dead and made Him King over all creation. And King Jesus IS saving people from every nation to enjoy God's love and join His mission in the world.

Which CAN include you! Grace received. Sins forgiven. Adopted into God's forever family. His Spirit empowering your love and your hope. King Jesus will return, set everything right, and we will enjoy God's presence in His new creation forever.

CHURCH

**This is the true story of the
three-in-one God -
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

And we find it in the Bible.

HOW TO USE YOUR JOURNAL

- **Accessing Digital Journal & Resources:** The Unfolding Israel journal questions, group discussion questions, and video links are available via Church Center.
 1. Search ‘Church Center App’ in the App Store (Apple devices) or Google Play Store (Android devices) to download on your phone.
 2. Open the app and select your church by searching ‘Hope Church.’ Look for our logo!
 3. When prompted, enter your mobile phone number or email address. Check your texts or emails for a six-digit code. If you already have a Church Center account, you’ll be prompted to input the code and log in. If you don’t have a Church Center account, follow the prompts to create an account.
 4. Click the Unfolding button right under our logo, then click the button for the current week. You’ll see the journal questions and video links. The button taking you the group discussion questions is at the bottom of the page.
 5. Don’t have or want the app?
Scan the QR code or visit
hopechurchmasonoh.churchcenter.com
- **Weekly Format:** Mondays are generally “Overview” days and Fridays are “Wrap-Up” days. Only have time for the journal once a week? Do Monday’s questions. Time for two days? Do Monday’s and Friday’s questions to get the big picture for the week.



- **Questions:** Each day, read the assigned passage slowly, then reflect on the questions. You'll also see these additional ways to interact sprinkled throughout:
 - **Dig Deeper** questions point you to a related passage somewhere else in Scripture. For the Unfolding series, we are tracing Scriptural themes through the whole Bible so we can see how it all ties together.
 - **Reflect** questions ask you to think about how the passage applies to your life - past, present, and future.
 - **Psalm of the Week** questions will feature one Psalm every Friday that reinforces that week's theme.
 - **Listen** to the "Song of the Week" included in Tuesday's *Life at Hope* email. These songs relate to the week's theme and are part of Wednesday's questions.
 - **Challenge** questions offer resources each week for additional context and different ways to engage in the scriptures.
- **Group Discussion Questions:** Many Communities use these questions to guide their group discussions. Reach out to Pastor Bill Craig (bcraig@hopemason.org) if you are not plugged into a Community. Or grab a couple of people and meet on your own time for these weeks to discuss them.

DEUTERONOMY 5:1-6:9

OVERVIEW

Read the entire passage. Write down any key thoughts and highlights.

What are the main questions you have from the passage? Put a star by the most important ones.

REFLECT

What does this passage stir in your heart? Write a brief prayer about that.

CHALLENGE

Today or sometime this week, watch the Bible Project video titled *The Law* by scanning the QR code on page 4.

DEUTERONOMY 5:1-16

How does God introduce the Ten Commandments in verse 6? What does this teach us about God? About the Law? About us?

Write below the first phrase of each of the first five commandments. What is God's primary concern in these commandments? What does each teach us about God? About human temptations?

DIG DEEPER

Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. What does this teach us about Israel? The Law? The old and new covenants? God?

DEUTERONOMY 5:17-33

List below the first phrase of the sixth through tenth commandments. What is God's primary concern in these commandments? What does each teach us about human temptations?

What do we learn about God in verses 22-33? What do we learn from the people's response to hearing God's voice? What strikes you about that, and what questions do you have?

DIG DEEPER

Read Ezekiel 36:24-28. What does this teach us about Israel? The Law? About God?

LISTEN

Listen to the "Song of the Week" from yesterday's *Life at Hope* email.

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

Write out verses 4-5 below. How would you assess your own heart right now in light of these verses? Write a brief prayer about that.

How would you summarize the heart behind verses 6-9? How have you been living out those principles lately, and what are some steps you could take to grow in this? Ask God and write any thoughts that come.

DIG DEEPER

Read Matthew 22:34-40. What does Jesus say about the Law in these verses? How do you see that in the Ten Commandments?

DEUTERONOMY 5:1-6:9

WRAP-UP

Look back at your notes over the week. What is one thing you sense the Lord most wants to tell you? Ask Him and write any thoughts that come.

Think of one or two people who are outside the faith but inside your reach. How might this passage be good news to them? Pray for them as you write.

PSALM OF THE WEEK

Psalm 19:1-14 – What does this teach us about God? His Word/the Law? Ourselves? What is most meaningful to you?

MESSAGE NOTES

EXODUS 24:3-18

OVERVIEW

Today, we're checking the context for the week's main passage (Exodus 32). List below the events of 24:3-18. Which are most striking to you, and why? What questions do you have?

What do we learn about God from the two encounters with God mentioned in this passage? How do you think you'd feel if you had such encounters? Write a brief prayer about that.

REFLECT

What role does blood play in this covenant? What about the new covenant (Luke 22:19-20)?

CHALLENGE

Today or sometime this week, watch the Bible Project video titled *Exodus 19-40* by scanning the QR code on page 4.

EXODUS 32:1-35

Read the whole chapter. Write down any key thoughts and highlights.

What are the main questions you have from the passage? Put a star by the most important ones.

DIG DEEPER

Go back and read Exodus 24:3 and 7. What do you notice about the contrast between these two events that were so close together? How do you see this in your own life? Write a brief prayer about that.

EXODUS 32:1-14

What did God say about the people in these verses?
What thoughts and feelings does that evoke in you?

What arguments does Moses make to God for sparing the people? What was the result? What questions do you have about that?

DIG DEEPER

Read Nehemiah 9:16-21. What does Nehemiah say about God and His people in these verses? Write a brief prayer of response.

LISTEN

Listen to the “Song of the Week” from yesterday’s *Life at Hope* email.

EXODUS 32:15-35

How does Aaron respond to Moses' confrontation? How do you see that temptation in yourself, even recently?

What was the consequence of their sin? How do you feel about that? Write a prayer of response.

DIG DEEPER

Read Romans 1:21-32. What does Paul say about humanity in these verses? How do we see that in the Israelites in this week's passage? How do you see it in yourself?

EXODUS 32:1-35

WRAP-UP

Look back at your notes over the week. What is one thing you sense the Lord most wants to tell you? Ask Him and write any thoughts that come.

Write below the names of one or two people who are outside the faith but inside your reach. How might these passages be good news to them? Pray for them as you write.

PSALM OF THE WEEK

Psalm 106:1-8, 19-25 – What do these verses tell us about God? Us? Write a brief prayer of response.

MESSAGE NOTES

EXODUS 29:35-46

OVERVIEW

What had to be purified or atoned for in verses 35-37? What does that teach us about those things? About God? What questions do you have?

What do we learn about the tabernacle in verses 42-46? What was its purpose? How was it consecrated or made holy? What does this teach us about God?

REFLECT

What does this passage stir in your heart? Write a brief prayer about that.

CHALLENGE

Today or sometime this week, watch the Bible Project video titled *Royal Priests of Eden* by scanning the QR code on page 4.

EXODUS 33:7-11

What happened in the “tent of meeting” in these verses? (Not to be confused with the tabernacle, which would be built later.) What does this teach us about God? Moses? Joshua?

What was the people’s response when Moses entered the tent? Why do you think they responded that way?

DIG DEEPER

Read John 1:1-14. What is striking to you about this passage? The word “dwelt” in verse 14 is literally “tabernacled.” What does this teach us?

EXODUS 33:12-16

List the requests that Moses asks of the Lord. Beside each, write the reason Moses gives for the request (if he gives one). What is striking to you about that?

What does Moses say makes God's people distinct from everyone else? How is that still true today? What thoughts, feelings, and questions arise in you?

DIG DEEPER

Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 and 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. What is the "temple" or dwelling place of God in these passages? What thoughts and questions come to mind?

LISTEN

Listen to the "Song of the Week" from yesterday's *Life at Hope* email.

EXODUS 33:17-23

List the things we learn about God in these verses. Which of these is most meaningful to you today?

What is Moses' prayer? What is God's response? How does Moses' prayer reflect your own heart ... or not? Write a brief prayer about that.

DIG DEEPER

Read Revelation 21:22-27. What do these verses say about the temple and God's presence? What else is striking to you about this passage?

EXODUS 33:7-23

WRAP-UP

Look back at your notes over the week. What is one thing you sense the Lord most wants to tell you? Ask Him and write any thoughts that come.

Write below the names of one or two people who are outside the faith but inside your reach. How might these passages be good news to them? Pray for them as you write.

PSALM OF THE WEEK

Psalm 96:1-13 - What does this Psalm say about who God is and what He's done? About His sanctuary and courts? About a right response to who God is?

MESSAGE NOTES

GOD GIVES HIS PEOPLE A HOME

JOSHUA 1:1-18

OVERVIEW

List the promises God made to Joshua in verses 1-9. What do they teach us about God?

List the commands God gives Joshua. What does this teach us about the Law? About God?

REFLECT

Read Hebrews 11:8-16 and 13:14. What do these verses say about Abraham, the land, and us?

CHALLENGE

Today or sometime this week, watch the Bible Project video titled *Joshua* by scanning the QR code on page 4.

JOSHUA 2:1-24

What do we learn about Rahab in this chapter? About Israel? About God?

How was this spies' report different from the spies' report that Moses sent years earlier (Numbers 13:27-32)? What made this one different?

DIG DEEPER

Read Hebrews 11:29-31. What do these verses say about faith, the people of Israel, and Rahab? What do we learn from this, and what questions do you have?

JOSHUA 3:1-17 AND 4:19-24

What are the key events of these passages? What do we learn about God?

What were the people called to do in 4:19-24? What purpose would it serve? How might you apply that principle today?

DIG DEEPER

Read Romans 4:13-17. What does Paul say Abraham was promised? What is meaningful to you about that, and what questions do you have?

LISTEN

Listen to the “Song of the Week” from yesterday’s *Life at Hope* email.

JOSHUA 6:1-27

What do we learn about God in this chapter? About Joshua? What do you think was the point of this unusual strategy?

According to Genesis 15:16, why did the Israelites have to wait so long to enter the land? What does that tell us about the timing now? How is that helpful in understanding the events of this chapter? What questions do you have?

DIG DEEPER

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. What made the “Holy Land” holy was God’s presence in a special way in the tabernacle/temple. What does this passage say about the location of God’s presence? What thoughts and questions come?

JOSHUA 24:1-28

WRAP-UP

What is God's primary message to the people of Israel in verses 1-13? How is that message helpful for you today?

In verses 14-28, what was Joshua's message to the people and what was their response? What do you sense God most wanting to say to you through this, and what questions do you have?

PSALM OF THE WEEK

Psalm 37:1-11 - How does this Psalm reflect the things we saw in the book of Joshua this week? What else strikes you from the Psalm? Write a brief prayer of response.

MESSAGE NOTES

GOD DELIVERS AGAIN AND AGAIN

JUDGES 2:1-15

OVERVIEW

List below the words used in these verses to describe Israel's disobedience against God. What strikes you about that?

What were the consequences of their disobedience? What do we learn about God from this?

REFLECT

What are the “gods” that are worshiped in our culture today? What (or who) are you most tempted to put at the center of your life as an “idol” instead of God? Ask God to show you and write a brief prayer of response.

CHALLENGE

Today or sometime this week, watch the Bible Project video titled *Judges* by scanning the QR code on page 4.

JUDGES 2:16-23

Write out the steps of the cycle we see in verses 11-19. What strikes you about this, and what questions do you have?

It is often said that the God of the Old Testament is a God of wrath, and the God of the New Testament is a God of grace. How would you respond to that statement, based in part on these verses?

REFLECT

How have you seen the cycle you wrote out above in your own life? Ask the Lord to show you and write a brief prayer of response.

JUDGES 4:1-24

What do we learn about Deborah and Barak in this chapter? What is striking to you, and what questions do you have?

What do we learn about Sisera and Jael? About God? What thoughts and feelings arise in you?

DIG DEEPER

What the people of Israel needed was God to be their Savior/Deliverer and King. Read Titus 2:11-14. How do the themes appear here? What strikes you from this passage?

LISTEN

Listen to the “Song of the Week” from yesterday’s *Life at Hope* email.

JUDGES 10:6-11:6

How do we see the cycle of the book of Judges in these verses (see question 1 on Tuesday)? What thoughts come?

What do we learn in these verses about Jephthah and Israel's response to him? What does this teach us about people? About God?

DIG DEEPER

Read Jude 24-25. How do the themes of God as Deliverer (Savior) and King (Christ) appear here? What else strikes you?

JUDGES 21:25

WRAP-UP

Write below some times in your life when you were “doing what was right in your own eyes” rather than what was right in God’s eyes? Thank God for being your Deliverer and King!

Write out Judges 21:25 below. As you write, pray for the people of your neighborhood, that they would come to know Jesus as their Deliverer and King ... and that He would do that in part through you!

PSALM OF THE WEEK

Psalm 38:1-15 – What effects of sin does David list in these verses? Write out a brief prayer, thanking God for His rescue from sin’s penalty and power.

MESSAGE NOTES

GOD CONCEDES A KING

1 SAMUEL 8:1-22

OVERVIEW

For context, read 1 Samuel 7:3-6. What was Samuel's impact and influence on Israel? Who has had a similar impact on you? Are you having this type of impact on someone?

What reasons did the people give in chapter 8 for wanting a king? What did God say was their reason? What strikes you about that?

DIG DEEPER

This would not be the last time that Israel would reject God as King. This is Holy Week, when we remember Jesus' death and resurrection. Read Matthew 26:57-68. What thoughts and feelings come?

CHALLENGE

Today or sometime this week, watch the Bible Project video titled *1 Samuel* by scanning the QR code on page 4.

1 SAMUEL 9:15-10:1

What do we learn about God in these verses? Which of these things is most meaningful to you today? Write a brief prayer of response.

What do we learn about Saul's character in these verses? About his calling as king?

DIG DEEPER

Read John 19:1-3. Compare that "coronation" with Saul's. What thoughts and feelings come?

1 SAMUEL 10:17-27

What is the contrast between Israel's actions and God's in verses 17-19? How do you see this in your own life? Write a brief prayer of response.

What do we learn about Saul in these verses? About the people of Israel? How would you characterize the beginning of Israel's kingship?

DIG DEEPER

Read John 19:4-15. Compare the "presentation and reception" of Saul with that of Jesus. What thoughts come?

LISTEN

Listen to the "Song of the Week" from yesterday's *Life at Hope* email.

1 SAMUEL 15:1-35

Summarize the events of the chapter. What is most striking to you, and what questions do you have?

What does the chapter say about regret? What strikes you about that, and what questions come?

DIG DEEPER

Read Luke 22:39-46. Contrast verse 42 with 1 Samuel 15:18-22. What thoughts come? Write a brief prayer of response.

JOHN 19:16-37

WRAP-UP

It's Good Friday. Read the above passage. Where do you see the themes of kingship in these verses? What strikes you about this?

Reread verse 30. Imagine standing at the foot of the cross at that moment. What would you want to say to Him? Write it out below.

PSALM OF THE WEEK

Psalm 22:1-21 – This is the Psalm Jesus quoted on the cross (Matthew 27:46). Read these verses in light of what Jesus is experiencing. What thoughts and feelings come? This weekend, read John 20—the account of Jesus' resurrection.

MESSAGE NOTES

GOD RAISES UP A KING

2 SAMUEL 7:1-29

OVERVIEW

Read the entire passage slowly. Write down any key thoughts and highlights.

What are the main questions you have from the passage? Put a star by the most important ones.

REFLECT

What does this passage stir in your heart? Write a brief prayer about that.

CHALLENGE

Today or sometime this week, watch the Bible Project video titled *2 Samuel* by scanning the QR code on page 4.

2 SAMUEL 7:1-17

What is David's desire in this passage? Why do you think he desires that? How would you summarize God's response in verses 4-7?

List the things in verses 8-12 God said He did and would do for David. What does this teach us about God? Which of these is most meaningful to you today?

DIG DEEPER

For our Dig Deeper passages this week, we'll be tracing Jesus as the "Son of David." Read Matthew 1:1-7, 20. What is striking about the way Matthew introduces Jesus in 1:1? What else strikes you from these verses?

2 SAMUEL 7:12-17

List below the promises God makes concerning David's "offspring" in these verses. What stands out to you about these things? What do they teach us about God?

To see a partial fulfillment of these promises, read 1 Kings 8:15-20 (Solomon's prayer in verses 22-30 is sweet too, if you have time to read it). What thoughts and questions come?

DIG DEEPER

Read Matthew 22:41-46. How would you explain Jesus' point here (and why it's important) to someone who doesn't know Jesus?

LISTEN

Listen to the "Song of the Week" from yesterday's *Life at Hope* email.

2 SAMUEL 7:18-29

What does David say about God in response to His promises, and which of those things is most meaningful to you today? Write a brief prayer of your own.

List the requests David makes in this prayer. Why does he say he's asking for them? What encourages you about this, and what questions do you have?

DIG DEEPER

Read Acts 2:22-36. What connections does Peter make between Jesus and David in these verses? What strikes you about that?

2 SAMUEL 7:1-29

WRAP-UP

Where do you see the grace of God (His undeserved kindness) in this chapter?

Write below the names of one or two people who are outside the faith but inside your reach. How might this chapter be good news to them? Pray for them as you write.

PSALM OF THE WEEK

Psalm 132:1-10 – A thousand years after it was written--at the time when Jesus would be crucified--the Jews sang this Psalm of Ascent when they were going up to the Passover celebration. What thoughts come as you read?

MESSAGE NOTES

2 SAMUEL 11:1-5

OVERVIEW

List the decisions David made in these verses. For each, write a better decision he could have made in that moment.

Think about verse 5. What must that moment have been like for Bathsheba? For David? List below some of the thoughts and feelings that must have flooded their minds.

REFLECT

What “small” compromises are you being tempted with right now? Ask God to show you and write any thoughts that come. Share them with someone you trust and ask them to pray with and for you.

CHALLENGE

Today or sometime this week, watch the Bible Project video titled *David the Priestly King* by scanning the QR code on page 4.

2 SAMUEL 11:6-27

List the decisions David made in these verses, compounding his sins. What do we learn from this?

Contrast David's actions with Uriah's in this passage. What do we learn about each of them? What thoughts come?

REFLECT

What were the consequences of David's sins at the end of the chapter? What do we learn from this? Write a brief prayer of response.

2 SAMUEL 12:1-15

List the consequences of David's sin in these verses. What do we learn about God from this? What is meaningful to you about that, and what questions do you have?

What are the different ways David might have responded to Nathan's confrontation? What was his actual response? What thoughts and feelings arise in you?

PSALM OF THE WEEK

Psalm 51:1-13 – We'll do our Psalm of the Week today, in light of the passage. We've read it before, but read it again in light of Bathsheba. How does David respond to his sin? Where does your heart resonate with his?

LISTEN

Listen to the "Song of the Week" from yesterday's *Life at Hope* email.

2 SAMUEL 12:15-25

What were the consequences of David's sin in these verses? What thoughts, feelings, and questions arise in you about this? Write a brief prayer about that.

List David's actions in these verses. What strikes you about them?

DIG DEEPER

Read Isaiah 55:1-3. This was written hundreds of years after David. What do we learn about God from this? How do you feel about that?

2 SAMUEL 11-12

WRAP-UP

Glance through these chapters again, and your notes from the week. What is the primary thing you sense God wants to say to you through these chapters? Write a brief prayer of response.

Imagine someone said to you, “God could never forgive me. I’ve done too much.” How would you respond to them, based in part on these chapters?

DIG DEEPER

Read 2 Kings 16:1-5 and 22:1-2. What do these verses say about David years after his death? What is striking to you about that, and what questions do you have?

MESSAGE NOTES

FEB 23-MARCH 1

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What rules or laws annoy you most, now or in the past?
- How does God introduce the Ten Commandments in verse 6? What does this teach us about God? The Law? Us?
- Go through each of the commandments and give a positive counterpart. (For instance, for the first commandment, it could be, “You shall give me first place in your heart.”)
- What do these Ten Commandments teach us about God?
- What do these commandments teach us about our temptations as humans? How have you seen some of those in your own life, even this week?
- How might this passage be good news to us? To people who are outside the faith but inside your reach?
- Consider watching together the Bible Project video titled *The Purpose of the Old Testament’s Law of Moses in the Bible*.

MARCH 2-8

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Would people who know you best describe you as a “rule follower”? Explain.
- What did God say about the people in verses 7-11? What thoughts, feelings, and questions does that evoke in you?
- What arguments does Moses make to God for sparing the people? What was the result? What questions do you have?
- What was the consequence of their sin? How do you understand the idea of God “relenting”? What questions do you have?
- How might these passages be good news to us? To people who are outside the faith but inside your reach?
- What is one thing you sense the Lord most wants to tell you from this passage this week? Is there a step to take here?
- Consider watching together the Bible Project video titled *Book of Exodus Summary*.

MARCH 9-15

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Talk about a time when you felt God's presence in a meaningful way.
- What do we learn from Exodus 19:35-46 about the tabernacle? About holiness and atonement? About God?
- Read together Exodus 33:12-23. What strikes you most from these verses?
- What do we learn about God from this passage, and what is most meaningful to you about that today?
- What impact does it have on you to know that you are a temple of God? What impact would you like it to have?
- How are these teachings about God and the tabernacle good news to us? How might they be good news to people who are outside the faith but inside your reach?
- Consider watching together the Bible Project video titled *Royal Priests of Eden*.

MARCH 16-22

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What has been your favorite home in your life, and what made it your favorite?
- What does Joshua 1:1-9 teach us about God? Joshua? The Law?
- What were the people called to do in Joshua 4:19-24, and why? Have you heard about or practiced any ways to apply that principle today?
- One of the great criticisms of biblical morality is related to passages like Joshua 6:21. How would you address this with someone who is outside the faith but inside your reach? (Genesis 15:16 might help!)
- Read together Joshua 24:14-28. What strikes you from this? What do you sense God most wanting to say to you through this, and what questions do you have?
- Where do you see God's grace in this week's passages?
- Consider watching together the Bible Project video titled *Book of Joshua Summary*.

MARCH 23-29

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who is the best leader you've worked under? What made them a good leader?
- Read Judges 2:11-23. List the words used to describe Israel's disobedience against God. What strikes you?
- What were the consequences of their disobedience? What do we learn about God from this?
- What is the cycle we see in the book of Judges (see 2:11-19)? What does this teach us about God? Humanity?
- What are the "gods" that are worshiped in our culture today? Which is most tempting for you?
- It is often said that the God of the Old Testament is a God of wrath, and the God of the New Testament is a God of grace. How would you respond to that statement, based in part on these verses?
- Consider watching together the Bible Project video titled *Book of Judges Summary*.

MARCH 30-APRIL 5

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who is the worst leader you've worked under, and what made them a bad leader?
- Read 1 Samuel 8 together. What reasons did the people give for wanting a king? What did God say was their reason? What strikes you about that?
- Read Matthew 26:57-68. How does this relate to our theme this week? What thoughts and feelings come?
- What is the contrast between Israel's actions and God's in 10:17-19? How have you seen this in your own life?
- Why was Saul ultimately rejected as king (1 Samuel 15)? What does the chapter say about regret?
- It's Easter week. Read together John 19:16-37. Where do you see the theme of kingship in these verses? What strikes you about this?
- Consider watching together the Bible Project video titled *Book of 1 Samuel Summary*.

APRIL 6-12

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was most meaningful to you about Easter week this year? Is there anything you wish you'd done differently?
- Read 2 Samuel 7:1-29 together. What does David desire in the opening verses of the chapter, and why? How would you summarize God's response in your own words?
- What do we learn about David in this chapter? What stands out to you most?
- What do we learn about David's "offspring"? What promises did God make? How were those promises fulfilled, and what does this teach us?
- What does this chapter teach us about God? Which of those is most meaningful to you today, and why?
- Read through one of the following passages about Jesus and King David. What strikes you about it?
 - Matthew 1:1-7
 - Matthew 22:41-46
 - Acts 2:22-36
- Consider watching together the Bible Project video titled *Book of 2 Samuel Summary*.

APRIL 13-19

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Talk about an experience of forgiving or being forgiven.
- List the poor decisions David made in 2 Samuel 11. What can we learn from this?
- Name as many consequences of David's sin as you can. What do we learn from this?
- What "small" compromises are tempting to people these days ... including yourself? What can help us in resisting these?
- Read Isaiah 55:1-3. This was written hundreds of years after David. What do we learn about God from this? How do you feel about that?
- Imagine someone said to you, "God could never forgive me. I've done too much." How would you respond to them, based in part on these chapters?
- Consider watching together the Bible Project video titled *David the Priestly King*.

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