

DISCUSSION NOTES

MARCH 28, 2021

Start by praying and asking for God's help as you seek to grow as authentic followers of Jesus.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

1. Read 2 Samuel 22. Make 5-7 observations. What seems most important? What characters are present? What do you learn about them? What kind of language is being used?
2. Chris talked about powerful prayer-filled praise. Which words or phrases in this chapter would you describe as such?
3. There is a lot of talk about deliverance in this chapter. As you think back on all that we have studied about David's life, list some of the things he was delivered from.
4. In verse 22, David says "For I have kept the ways of the Lord and not wickedly departed from my God." Why is David able to claim this? Do you think he has forgotten his many sins? Or is he tapping into something else here? (Hint: Consider David's repentance and big picture obedience)
5. Why do you think David keeps referring to God as his rock? Do we see this anywhere else in scripture? If so, where?

LIVING IT OUT

6. David mentions crying out to God quite a bit in this passage. What does crying out to God look like for you? Do you cry out often, sometimes, when things are hard?
7. Do you feel guilty for praying only when things are hard? How does David's song change this for you?
8. Share a personal experience where God was your rock, shield, fortress, deliverer, stronghold.
9. How might David's song help you to trust more deeply in who God is and what he has done for you?
10. What do you need to praise God for out-loud, right now? Do it with your group.