



Icebreaker: When you think of the shepherd boy/King David, what are your first thoughts or perceptions?

Sermon Title – Imperfect: Life of David – I Samuel 16:1-23

Group Discussion:

The study guide this week is a little different in that we will prepare our hearts and minds to explore the imperfect life of King David over the next few weeks. So, please use this guide with your group or study partner this week as a foundation for the launch of this sermon series.

Read Psalm 18:29 & Psalm 42:3 – Broaden our **perceptions of David**. Discuss how these verses, which highlight David's confidence and strength while also revealing his sorrow and despair, might help us expand our understanding of David's relationship with God and his faith journey. Discuss similarities in your own lives.

Read Hebrews 11:32–34 – Sharpen our **self-awareness**. To prepare for next several weeks as we study the imperfect life of King David, discuss some ways we can:

1. Increase our life **knowledge** – Use David's story to recognize our own failings and weaknesses
2. Identify potential **minefields** – Understand David's life as a cautionary tale – Identify trials-temptations
3. Initiate new **practices** – Consider practical steps we can take to grow based on David's strengths

Read Isaiah 55:8-9 & Proverbs 3:5-6 – Challenging our **understanding of God**. God appoints; God anoints; God arranges; God acts.

1. Discuss ways we can recognize **God's purpose** (God's Sovereignty – His authority in our lives)
2. Discuss **our posture** towards God (God's desires, our heart, and who we are becoming as disciples)
3. Discuss **the person** God can develop (God can use "imperfect you" just like imperfect David)

Spiritual Discipline:

Take time this week to check out our additional sermon resources through *RightNow Media* or on our app: *Church Center / Home / Sermon Resources*. You may also login to *RNM* or create a free account from this location. These resources provide insight into the life of David and will help us prepare for this series.

Action Steps:

This sermon series is going to be so impactful in our lives as disciples of Jesus, so we encourage you to attend every Sunday over the next several weeks. And if you must miss a Sunday, please view the live stream on the Church Center app or view previous sermons at <https://www.youtube.com/c/mtgileadchurch>