

FIELDS AND THRONES

WEEK 7

Welcome & Open with a Brief Prayer

Icebreaker

Scripture for the Week (Please read it to the group):

2 Samuel 1:11-12 — "David and his men tore their clothes in sorrow when they heard the news. They mourned and wept and fasted all day for Saul and his son Jonathan, and for the LORD's army and the nation of Israel, because they had died by the sword that day." (NLT)

Overview:

David is deeply grieved over the death of both Saul and Jonathan. This chapter gives insight into the heart of a person who honors what the Lord honors and desires what the Lord desires—not only in their own life but for others too. David's life is built on a solid foundation of character tested over time and a passion to love and follow God. As a son, a brother, a shepherd, a warrior, and a worshiper, the seasons and roles of David's life prepare him. God is working behind the scenes to form and mold David. Beginning with David's anointing by Samuel, his conflict with Saul and, ultimately, reigning on the throne of Israel, David's experiences give him plenty of opportunity to trust God. This week, we'll look at how God shapes and forms us into the person he envisions and desires for us to become.

Watch Video

QUESTIONS

1. Like David, what are some of the roles and/or situations that shape a person's character?
2. Which is more important in life - character or success? Why?
3. How have you seen God's hand in shaping and forming your character?
4. Is it difficult to acknowledge God as the ultimate judge as it says in James 4:12, "God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So, what right do you have to judge your neighbor?" (NLT)
5. Is there an area of your life where God is challenging you to trust Him more fully?

To Consider: Can you trust God that He is forming and shaping you into the fullness of all He has for you?

PRAYER

Ask for prayer requests. (Remind the group to share only request per person due to time.)
Closing Prayer—Include those requests in your closing prayer.