

# FIELDS AND THRONES

## WEEK 8

### Welcome & Open with a Brief Prayer

#### Icebreaker

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

2 Samuel 5:4-5 – “David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in all. He had reigned over Judah from Hebron for seven years and six months, and from Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.” (NLT)

#### Overview:

King Saul and his son, Jonathan, are killed in a battle between Israel and the Philistines on Mount Gilboa. David asks God what city he should move to when he is anointed as king, and God tells him to go to Hebron. Even after Saul’s death, David does not realize his full reign immediately. One more roadblock happens. 2 Samuel 2:8 tells us that Abner, the commander of Saul’s army, proclaims Saul’s son, Ishbosheth, as king over all the tribes of Israel except Judah, which remains loyal to David. Therefore, King David rules over Judah for seven-and-a-half years from Hebron. Afterward, he reigns from Jerusalem for the next 33 years, which includes all of Israel and Judah. David waits for the Lord to bring the fullness of His promises to pass. His journey to the throne is filled with anguish, setbacks, and obstacles. Yet, David trusts in God, rather than man, to fulfill his calling and purpose.

#### Watch Video

1. What are a person’s natural reactions when their plans are thwarted, and dreams seem to be impossible?
2. How might those reactions be different if life is viewed from an eternal perspective?
3. What might be beneficial about the process of waiting, challenge, and adversity before God’s promises are fulfilled in your life?
4. How do you think David viewed God’s character? What was David’s image and understanding of God?
5. What is your image of God? Do you experience Him as good, trustworthy, and intimately involved in the details of your life, or does He seem more distant or hard to please? Why or why not?

**To Consider:** Does your “real life” experience of God align with what the Bible says about God in that He is faithful and good? Why or why not?

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.

## QUESTIONS

## PRAYER