



# Grab Gather Grow

Week of Sunday, July 8, 2018

“The City of David”

**Grab** this study, **gather** a few people,  
and **grow** in faith

**SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**

(read over the scripture together)

## **2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**

All the Israelite tribes came to David at Hebron and said, “Listen: We are your very own flesh and bone. In the past, when Saul ruled over us, you were the one who led Israel out to war and back. What’s more, the LORD told you, You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will be Israel’s leader.

So all the Israelite elders came to the king at Hebron. King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was 30 years old when he became king, and he ruled for forty years. He ruled over Judah for seven and a half years in Hebron. He ruled thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah in Jerusalem. David occupied the fortress, so it was renamed David’s City. David built a city around it from the earthen terraces inward. David grew increasingly powerful, and the LORD of heavenly forces was with him.

### **More Discussion Questions**

Read over 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

David became King, the leader of his people and “David grew increasingly powerful, and the Lord of heavenly forces was with him.”

How do you see God being with our leaders? How do you see our leaders being Shepherds of the people? How do you see our leaders using power?

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Based on Ephesians 4:1-16)** **Recite this affirmation together**

We believe that there is one body of Christ working in the world, one Holy Spirit who sustains and comforts, one hope that stirred our hearts when we heard your call, one Lord who has called us here today, one faith that we strive to live up to daily, one baptism that brings each of us into the family of God, one God and Creator of all, who is over all and through all and in all. We believe that each of us, as a member of God's family, has a calling to fulfill and that in doing so, the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Amen.

## **DISCUSSION** (a few of the following)

King David struggled with the strongholds of illicit sexual desire, pride, obedience, and justice. Like King David, how do we struggle with these strongholds today?

Do a little research on sex trafficking in the metro. How can the church help the victims of the sex trade? How can we help prevent it?

How does pride get in the way of being a child of God?

Discuss the following statement from Pastor Rich’s message: “For all the strongholds that David could not conquer, there was one quality he possessed that kept him close to the heart of God. He had a unique ability to see the ugliness and depth of his own sin when it was pointed out to him. When a mirror was held up to him, he recognized the image of evil and repented of his wicked ways. God will always be with such a person.”

This is the message of 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Prepare for next week's message—have your gathering read over 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 and then gather and watch *Raider's of the Lost Ark*.

## SERVE

Our Change for Change Offering for next Sunday is for our Youth and their summer mission outings. Some Thursdays in June and July our Youth are going out into our community being the Heart of the Brooklyns. Your change of special gift will support our youth in service. Funds will also help them to cover the cost of their mission trips to Duluth MN (Middle School) and Nashville (BUMY). If your gathering would like to help in our Thursday projects call the church office to volunteer.

### Mark your calendars for July 29th, our next afternoon of Service!

Could your Gathering volunteer to help serve through ...

**Loaves and Fishes.** Go to <http://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/volunteer.html> and sign up to volunteer for a few meals this summer. Make sure you sign up for the BUMC site.

**SUNNY**—Monday, Wednesday, Friday volunteers needed 10:30am-1:30pm

Join us as a **Gather Group**, form a group at work, your family, your friends or neighbors.

Call the church office at 763-561-1684 and sign up for a few dates this summer.

Grab some "**Homeless Kits**" from church and hand a few out this week. You are free to add some cash or other items to the bags if you would like.

Join one of our "Making Sense of the Bible" Studies  
Sundays 10am; Tuesdays 10am or 7pm; Fridays 7pm  
This week we will be discussing the Nature of Scripture.  
How is Scripture "God-Breathed?"

### A Way Forward Forums

Talking about the UMC and our relationship with the LBGTO community  
July 31st at 10am or 7pm and August 2nd at 10am or 7pm



### AT HOME THIS WEEK

Share your high and low of the day; read the daily scripture; talk about it; pray about each other's highs and lows, and at the end of the day, bless each other with the blessing below or one of your own.

SUNDAY: 2 Samuel 5:1-5

MONDAY: 2 Samuel 5:9-10

TUESDAY: Matthew 5:27-28

WEDNESDAY: 2 Chronicles 7:14

THURSDAY: Mark 6:1-13

FRIDAY: Psalm 48

SATURDAY: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

BLESSING: "God will stay with us!"