



# DAVID

## PORTRAIT OF A KING

### Week 4: David & Saul

#### GET GOING

Sometimes life doesn't match up to what we were expecting. When there is a gap between what we were hoping for and what is happening we are often tempted to take matters into our own hands. But be careful, a moral shortcut will lead us to a spiritual dead end.

#### DISCUSS

1. **Have you ever attempted a DIY project that didn't quite work out? What happened? (Could be baking, cooking, building, etc.)**
2. **Tell about a circumstance in your life when things didn't work out the way you hoped.**
3. Sometimes we have this unspoken assumption: if I am faithful, God will make me successful. **Is this assumption true or false?** Talk about it.
4. Psalm 27 was written by David in an intense season of his life. He really wanted to be delivered but was left waiting for a resolution. **What are some of the things we do when we are waiting for circumstances to change?** (Possible Answers: worry, get bitter, listen to your emotions, listen to your friend's advice, or seize an opportunity to get your way the wrong way.)
5. David goes through a series of phases as he waits. He runs to God first and hopes that God will deliver him (1-6). Then he hits a low point and asks God not to forget him (8-9). Then again he hopes in God (10-12). Maybe you can relate!
6. **Read Psalm 27:13-14. As a man of action, David certainly could have done something to combat his difficult circumstances. What does David do instead of taking matters into his own hands?** (Answer: David resolves to wait on God, trusting that He would make the difference.)
7. **When have you seen God come through for you? How long did it take?**
8. **What advice would you give someone who is in a season of waiting? What would you encourage them *not* to do?**

#### WRAP IT UP

There will be times when there is a gap between our expectations and reality. The major decisions you regret are the ones where you took a moral short cut to fill the gap. When it comes to tough times, remember, you can take a short cut or listen to the voice of your Savior.