



Worship Guide for December 17, 2023

## Sermon Notes

### **David, Teach Us To Pray**

2 Samuel 7:18-29

The disciples needed Jesus to teach them how to pray (Luke 11:1). So do we. And today the Lord gives us a much-needed lesson on prayer from his servant David. David had a heart to do something for God. But God's word to David through Nathan the prophet changed everything! It changed everything for David. It changed everything for David's family. It changed everything for all humanity. David's response to the word of God is an amazing prayer of praise, thanksgiving, and petition.

#### **God's Word to Us Should Draw Us Into His Presence**

*Then King David went in and sat before the LORD 2 Samuel 7:18*

#### **God's Word to Us Should Prompt Us to Praise God For What He Has Done**

*Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. 2 Samuel 7:21*

#### **God's Word to Us Should Cause Us To Praise God For Who He Is**

*Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 2 Samuel 7:22*

#### **God's Word to Us Should Prompt Us To Pray Back To God His Promises**

*And now, O LORD God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. 2 Samuel 7:25*

### **Applications for our Lives Today**

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## Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*  
*teaching* and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."

- *Colossians 3:16a*

### Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

### Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

### Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 3.

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#### DECEMBER

**ALL MONTH** - Lottie Moon Christmas  
Offering & Lottie Moon Post Office

17 Meet Someone New Fellowship @ 10am  
17 Deacon's Christmas Luncheon @ 12pm  
18 AHG Troop Christmas Party @ 6:30pm  
19 Elder/Staff Christmas Dinner @ 6:00pm  
20 Christmas Caroling @ 6:00pm  
24 Worship Service ONLY @ 10:30am  
24 Candlelight Service @ 6:00pm  
31 Worship Service ONLY @ 10:30am