



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

CONNECT • GROW • SHARE • PRACTICE

What's Happening: [Summerpalooza \(VBS\) Registration Open](#), [Serve at Summerpalooza](#), [The Well Stars Fall Soccer Registration](#), [Cultivate](#), [Child Dedication Class](#), [Local Serve Opportunities](#)

Resources: [How the Gospel Reshapes the Story We Tell Ourselves](#), [Learning to Live With Loss](#)

Connect (30 Mins):

- Last week, we talked about ways we can grow closer as a group. What specific ways for growth did you identify and how can you put them into practice?

Discuss (30 Mins): 1 Sam 31; 2 Sam 1

- What observations/questions/reflections did you have?
- Saul's life began with humility and promise but slowly eroded because he cared more about keeping power than walking closely with God. Where do you see the temptation in your own life to prioritize success, image, comfort, or control over intimacy with God?
- David chose to honor Saul even after Saul spent years pursuing to eliminate him. What does David's response teach us about grace, forgiveness, and the way we speak and see imperfect people?
- In reflecting on the lives of Saul and Jonathan, what do their lives reveal about what they truly valued?
Follow up: What patterns in your life right now reveal what you actually value?

Apply (30 Mins): Embracing the Gospel Over Time

Saul's life is a reminder that drift is often subtle. Over time, small compromises and misplaced priorities can shape an entire life. At the end, what remains is not what we accumulated, but what, *or rather who*, we lived for. Have someone read **Ecclesiastes 7:2** and **Hebrews 9:27** aloud. Take a minute or two in silence to reflect on the following question, then answer together:

- **If your life were summarized today, what or who would it say you were living for?**

Take about 2-5 minutes of silence as a group, using this time to pray before the Lord and consider *one word* you would want people to remember you by at your funeral. Afterward, discuss together, allowing each person to share their word and briefly explain why they chose it. Then have each person reflect and answer the following, not in shame or guilt, but as an invitation of grace:

- **What does this word reveal about your current priorities? Are they aligned with this word, or is there room for growth?**
- **What would it look like to bring this before the Lord and pursue gospel-centered transformation?**

This week, continue to ask the Lord what it looks like to embrace the gospel over time in this area, and come ready next week to share what the Lord revealed during this time.

For Further Study:

- Ecclesiastes 7:2, Matthew 7:21–23, Matthew 25:23, 2 Corinthians 1:3–4, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 2 Corinthians 13:5, 1 Thessalonians 4:13–14, Hebrews 9:27, Titus 3:4–5

Next Week's passage: 2 Samuel 2-5