

# king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of March 17, 2019

**This Week's Focus:** Jesus Christ is the promised offspring of David, who is the perfect and powerful God that lovingly protects and provides for his church to the praise of his glorious grace.

**This Week's Text:** 2 Samuel 22

"The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation, the God who gave me vengeance and brought down peoples under me, who brought me out from my enemies; you exalted me above those who rose against me; you delivered me from men of violence. For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to your name. Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever."

**2 Samuel 22:47-51**

## **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text? What have you learned so far from our study of 1 & 2 Samuel?
- How does 2 Samuel 21-24 function with the rest of 1 & 2 Samuel? What is the author's aim by including these non-chronological accounts and psalms? Discuss why this psalm is an appropriate prayer for all believers.
- Why do you think the author included this psalm in the epilogue to this book? What does the series of personal pronouns ("my", "me", "I") in the opening lines indicate about the nature of this psalm? Do you have a personal relationship with God? Describe some ways God has proven to be your rock, fortress, shield, stronghold, refuge, and savior.
- Do you regularly call upon the Lord for help or do you depend on your own strength? Is singing praises to God and reciting his wonderful deeds a normal part of your life?
- What is David communicating with rich imagery in verses 8-20? Who/what is the object of God's wrath? How is God's anger linked to his love? What is the astonishing reason for God's powerful deeds of deliverance in David's life (verse 20b)? How does this point to the gospel? Discuss the incredible extent of God's love for his children (John 15:9).
- Although a sinner, why can David say that he has acted "blameless" before God and been rewarded by God for his "cleanness" (verses 21-25)? Who is responsible for David's righteousness (verse 33)? Discuss how we, like David, are saved not by our own righteousness,

but through faith in God's grace which leads to humble obedience to God's law (Galatians 3:10-11).

- What four virtues does David list that please the Lord (verses 26-30)? What does this teach us about God? Do you delight in and find direction and security in God's word (verse 31)?
- Who is our enemy, and what weapons has God provided for spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:10-24)? Has the enemy attacked you recently? How did you respond?
- Who is David's offspring, the King of Kings and ultimate Anointed One (verse 51, Galatians 3:16)? What did Jesus accomplish that has brought us into eternal union with God?
- How does this passage encourage you to live on mission by demonstrating and declaring the gospel to those in your community and spheres of influence?