

High School Discussion Guide

Understand the Assignment: For the week of October 23 - 29, 2022

Main Thought and Scriptures:

Even in difficult circumstances or situations, we've seen a young, youthful David humbly serve and honor God throughout his story thus far. Finally, we read about David becoming king. Even in a place of authority and power, David continues to seek God and ask the Lord questions about how to handle and face his enemies.

"So David asked the Lord, 'Should I go out to fight the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me? The Lord replied to David, 'Yes, go ahead. I will certainly hand them over to you.'" (2 Samuel 5:19 NLT)

"And again David asked the Lord what to do. 'Do not attack them straight on,' the Lord replied..." (2 Samuel 5:23 NLT)

However, not much later, we read about David completely neglecting God's specific instructions on how to transport the Ark of the Covenant. Even though David's intentions were good, he didn't fully honor and obey God's instructions.

In the end, David fully listens to God and transports the ark carefully and successfully. There was joy and celebration, not only for David but for all the people of Israel.

"Then King David was told, 'The Lord has blessed Obed-edom's household and everything he has because of the Ark of God.' So David went there and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with a great celebration... ¹⁴And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. ¹⁵So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns." (2 Samuel 6:12, 14-15 NLT)

Discussion Questions:

- What stands out most from the discussion guide and this week's message? Why?
- Pick one of the following and share:
 - Has there been a situation when God told you to do something but **didn't** fully listen (or listen at all)? What happened?
 - Has there been a situation when God told you to do something, and you **did** obey? What happened?
- Why do you think God wants our complete trust and obedience?

Prayer:

- Pray for one another and ask God how to trust and obey Him fully. No one is perfect, but the more we faithfully trust and obey God, the more He can move in our lives.