

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DAVID: A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

SESSION 5

SERMON RECAP

What does true sacrifice look like in our walk with God? Through David's powerful declaration, "I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing," Matt Allman reveals how genuine sacrifice moves God's heart and displays authentic love. Drawing from David's story of repentance, the message challenged us to examine when our faith last cost us something meaningful. From ancient threshing floors to modern church buildings, we discovered how sacrificial giving isn't about the size of the gift, but the heart behind it. How can your sacrifice become part of God's ongoing story of transformation and redemption?

GET STARTED

- If you had to give up one modern convenience for a week as a sacrifice, what would it be, and how do you think it would change your daily routine?"

TAKE IT IN

- What encouraged and/or challenged you from the message this week? Why?

TALK IT OVER

Read 2 Samuel 24:1-10; 18-24

- David counted his fighting men against God's wishes which is a failure to trust in God's protection. **Why was this act considered rebellion, and what does it teach us about trusting God versus relying on our own resources? What areas of your life do you find yourself trying to control or manage on your own instead of trusting God fully?**
- Araunah offered David free resources for his sacrifice to God. **How does David's statement, "I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing," demonstrate what it means to have a heart after God?**
- We learn from David that true worship and repentance should involve personal cost and sacrifice. **What does sacrificial worship look like in your life, and when was the last time your faith cost you something significant?**

Read Mark 12:43-44; Romans 5:8

- There's a connection between David's sacrifice at the threshing floor to Jesus noticing the widow giving her last two coins. Each shows how God is moved by sacrificial giving rather than casual offerings. **In what ways can you demonstrate your love for God through sacrifice in your daily life?**

- The sermon mentions that sacrifice moves the heart of God and puts love on display. **How do we see this principle demonstrated both in David's story and in Jesus's observation of the widow's offering?**

Read Romans 12:1

- Northside's roof is more than just a physical structure, but is a witness to countless life transformations. **How does this perspective change how we view our church buildings and resources?**
- This weekend, we heard stories of baptisms, lives changed, and community support that have happened under this roof. Physical spaces become sacred through the ministry that happens within them. **What personal stories of transformation or spiritual growth have you witnessed in your church? What stories are you hoping to still see unfold? As a group, spend time praying over the hopeful stories still in process.**

LIVE IT OUT

What does true sacrifice look like in your daily walk with God? Take some time to meditate, reflect, and/or journal asking God to help you recognize opportunities to demonstrate sacrificial love in our daily lives. Pray and ask for guidance in identifying areas in your life where we can give more generously and trust in God's provision.

Memorize:

"But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." 2 Samuel 24:24a (NIV)