



# STUDY GUIDE

## GOD IS FOR ME: Week 12 12.1.13

### [set up]

We concluded our series “God is for me” this last weekend. What are some “take homes” that stand out to you or ways that God affirmed or challenged you from this series?

David made great effort near the end of his life to pass on a strong legacy to his son Solomon. What have been some positive and negative “legacies” passed on to you from your parents/grandparents/family/mentors?

### [digging deeper]

The final years of King David’s life are recorded in 2 Samuel 20-24, 1 Kings 1 -2 and 1Chronicles 20-29 as well as reflected in several Psalms. There is much content there if you are interested in more detail to David’s last years. But usually, a person’s life is captured by their last words. The last words of David are captured in 2 Samuel 23:1-7. Read that passage and extract the obvious and the deeper meanings. What is David saying?

A smart person learns from their victories and mistakes. A wise person learns from the victories and mistakes of others. When we look at David’s last words, and when we consider his life, what are some direct lessons that we can learn from his victories and mistakes?

As David is nearing the end of his life, what desires and goals does he have? What preparations is he making? What is his heartfelt hope for Solomon? Basically... what legacy does he want to leave and how is he living for it? (1 Chron. 22:1-12 and 28:1-10)

As you think about your life... how are you living to leave a legacy for Christ? How are you preparing your “spiritual estate” even now? What desires and goals do you have? What efforts and preparations are you engaged in even now? What is your heartfelt hope for those you care about who will come after you?

Read the following verses about living to lead a legacy for God. What are practical ways we can apply these instructions and examples to link generations?

Ex. 20:6      Deut. 6:6-9      Ps. 71:18      Ps. 145:4

For those who are married or have children, application for a godly legacy tend to be obvious. But how does someone who is single or without children live to leave a legacy for Christ? What does planning your spiritual estate look like for a child, a teen, a single young adult, someone who is divorced or has a spouse who has died? Who are some biblical examples of single people that left a godly legacy?

## [living it out]

What are you practically doing right now to live a life in order to leave a legacy for Christ? What can you do different in the following areas to be more proactive?

- My prayer life:
- My knowledge and transference of God's Word to others:
- What am I writing or recording that will outlive me and can give instruction or encouragement to those who come after me?
- How am I engaged in serving alongside others to focus on living life to build God's kingdom?
- Other thoughts/ideas/areas:

How can we as a church help people pass on a godly legacy? Please share ideas with your lifegroup and perhaps even church leadership.

Close in a time of prayer. Suggested prayer targets:

- Lord, help me live my life in such a way to leave a strong legacy for Christ
- Lord, I pray for my family members and those I am discipling, etc. to follow Christ. (Think of how David prayed for Solomon as a model)

Lord help me grow in my intentional efforts for a godly legacy, linking generations and helping others follow you, Help weed out my unintentional negative legacies I may leave