Small Group Bible Study
David's Prayer: Responding to the Grace of God

Theme: Humility, gratitude, and trust in God's promises

Introduction:In 2 Samuel 7, David expresses his desire to build a house for God. But God turns the tables on David. Instead of David building a house for God, God promises to establish a house—a lasting dynasty—for David. David's response is not one of pride or entitlement, but of wonder, humility, and gratitude. He recognizes that everything he has received is an expression of God's grace. His prayer invites us to reflect on how we respond to God's goodness, especially when His plans differ from our own.

Read: 2 Samuel 7:18–29 together

1. "Who am I, Sovereign LORD?" (vv. 18–19)

Reflect on David's question: What do you think he is feeling? Why?

2. "How great you are, Sovereign LORD!" (vv. 20–22)

David's prayer turns from what God has done for him to who God is. How might our prayer life change if we spent more time reflecting on God's character rather than simply asking Him for things?

3. "And who is like your people Israel?" (vv. 23–24)

David recognizes that God's grace is not just about him but about the people God has redeemed and called His own. What might this mean for our life together as a church?

4. "Do as you promised" (vv. 25–27)

David places his confidence not on his own dreams but in what God has promised.How might focusing our prayers on God's promises, influence the way we pray?

5. "You, Sovereign LORD, are God!" (vv. 28–29)

David concludes his prayer by placing his future and the future of his household in God's hands. What uncertainties are you facing today? What would it mean for you to entrust those uncertainties to God's faithfulness?

Closing Reflection

David began with the desire to do something great for God, but he ended by recognizing what God had graciously done for him.

Perhaps the greatest expression of faith is not what we accomplish for God, but how we respond to His grace with humility, gratitude, and trust. Close by inviting each person to name one reason for gratitude and one area of life they need to entrust to God.

小组查经

大卫的祷告：回应上帝的恩典

主题：谦卑、感恩，并信靠上帝的应许

引言：在撒母耳记下第7章，大卫表达了想为上帝建造殿宇的心愿。但上帝却把事情倒转过来：不是大卫为上帝建造殿宇，而是上帝应许为大卫建立一个家室——一个长存的王朝。大卫的回应不是骄傲，也不是觉得这一切理所当然，而是充满惊叹、谦卑与感恩。他明白自己所领受的一切，都是上帝恩典的彰显。他的祷告也邀请我们反思：我们如何回应上帝的恩慈，特别是当祂的计划与我们的想法不同时？

请一起阅读：撒母耳记下 7:18–29

1.「主耶和华啊，我是谁？」（18–19节）

想一想大卫这个问题：你认为他当时有什么感受？为什么？

2.「主耶和华啊，你本为大！」（20–22节）

大卫的祷告，从上帝为他所做的事，转向上帝自己是怎样的一位神。如果我们花更多时间默想上帝的属性，而不只是向祂求这求那，我们的祷告生活会有什么改变？

3.「世上有何民能比你的民以色列呢？」（23–24节）

大卫认识到，上帝的恩典不只是关乎他个人，也关乎上帝所救赎、称为自己子民的群体。这对我们作为教会一起生活，有什么意义？

4.「照你所应许的话而行」（25–27节）

大卫的信心不是建立在自己的梦想上，而是建立在上帝的应许上。如果我们的祷告更多以神的应许为中心，会怎样影响我们的祷告？

5.「主耶和华啊，惟有你是上帝！」（28–29节）

大卫在祷告结束时，把自己和家室的未来交托在上帝手中。今天，你正面对什么不确定的事？把这些未知交托给信实的上帝，对你来说意味着什么？

结束反思

大卫起初想为上帝成就一件大事，最后却认识到，上帝已经满有恩典地为他成就了何等大的事。

也许，信心最重要的表现，不在于我们为上帝成就了什么，而在于我们如何以谦卑、感恩和信靠来回应祂的恩典。

结束时，邀请每个人分享一件值得感恩的事，以及生命中一个需要交托给上帝的领域。