

DEEP IMPACT WITH DAVID

LIFE GROUP MATERIAL

Meeting no 12 **THEME:** Deepen your desire to worship

Prepare yourself with prayer for the meeting. Read II Samuel 7:1-17 (and listen to the sermon).

20.00 – 20.10 Start Share: do you feel blessed at the moment? If yes – in what? If no – why?

20.10 – 20.15 Pray and mention what has been shared.

20.15 – 20.40 Bible passage: Read II Samuel 7 : 1 - 17.

Look again at verses 1-3. David feels a tension, when he looks at his own dwelling place and at the dwelling place of the ark. The desire that rose in David's heart was both good (II Chr.6:8) and dangerous. How can our desires to do something for the Lord also be both good and dangerous?

Look again at verses 4-7. The peoples around Israel had temples for their gods, Israel had a tent as God's dwelling place. Why was there no need to be ashamed of that?

Look again at verses 8-16. God had already done much for David. And now it is not the time for David to start paying back, but to trust God in His promise and covenant that He will still do much more for David, making him the head of a royal family and promising the Messiah would be his descendant. Lesson: when God has given us grace, the challenge is not to start paying back, but to trust and believe Him for the future to continue to be gracious to us. Should we really not pay back God's grace?

Look at verses 17-18. Nathan had to go back to David. How do you think he felt about that – more as his duty, or more as his delight? Look at David's response: what do you learn here?

20.40 – 20.50 Digging deeper

'I don't feel like I do enough, to be a real Christian'

- Do you have similar feelings at times? If yes – wherein?

Although God doesn't need us, He can give us the grace to be part of His works and plans, He may let us participate in what He is doing. For this we may offer Him our bodies to worship Him in our daily lives. Read Romans 12:1-2.

- Wherein do you believe you might worship God in your daily life the upcoming week (however you might need some strength and prayer for this)?

20.50 – 21.00 End the Life Group meeting with praying together.