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# 1 CHRONICLES

THE LORD IS FAITHFUL  
 AND HAS NOT FORGOTTEN  
 HIS PEOPLE OR HIS PROMISES

<p><b>THE LORD'S FAITHFULNESS TO HIS PEOPLE ACROSS THE GENERATIONS</b></p> <p><b>CH 1 - 9</b></p> <p>Ch 1 Ch 2-4 Ch 4-8 Ch 9</p> <p>Adam to Esau The Tribe of Judah Other Tribes of Israel Return of Exiles &amp; lineage of Saul</p>	<p><b>DAVID'S RISE TO POWER</b></p> <p><b>CH 10 - 12</b></p> <p>Ch 10 Ch 11 Ch 12</p> <p>Death of Saul David's rise The tribes rally to David</p>	<p><b>DAVID &amp; THE ARK</b></p> <p><b>CH 13 - 17</b></p> <p>Ch 13 Ch 14 Ch 15 Ch 16 Ch 17</p> <p>The Ark &amp; the anger of the Lord David's family &amp; conquest of Philistines The Ark brought to Jerusalem David's Praise The Lord's Covenant with David</p>	<p><b>DAVID &amp; THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE TEMPLE</b></p> <p><b>CH 18 - 29</b></p> <p>Ch 18-20 Ch 21 Ch 22 Ch 23-26 Ch 27 Ch 28 Ch 29</p> <p>Key victories David's sinful census Preparations for temple begin Levites organized Military &amp; tribal leaders David's Charge Offerings for the temple and transfer of power</p>
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## I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a Genealogy

The genealogies of the Bible show. . . .

1. the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. the Bible is about real \_\_\_\_\_ and actual \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God's concern for the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. God's faithfulness to \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a Righteous King

David is Israel's ideal and best king . . .

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ for his people.
2. He brings \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to his people.
3. He brings \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to his people.
4. He leads the people in \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Worship

God's people thrive when worship is central . . .

The \_\_\_\_\_:

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## CONNECTING & CARING Together (20 minutes or so)

Catch up on the events and happenings of your lives. How was your week? Share joys and struggles.

## STUDYING God's Word Together (20 minutes or so)

1. What challenged or moved you in the message this week? What were your thoughts and feelings as you "came under God's Word"?
2. This week we focused on the persecuted church worldwide, and while we enjoy tremendous freedoms in America persecution can still happen here. Are there any ways you have felt persecuted for your faith in Christ, and maybe even said with Elijah "It is enough, Lord"? What happened? How did God challenge you through the experience? Did any spiritual fruit result?
3. As you hear stories of persecution and struggle as the Gospel advances to unreached places around the world, what feelings and/or thoughts does it evoke in you? We in the West generally have the option to pay attention to these hard truths, or not. Does your gut response make you want to learn more, or turn away avoid it?
4. Look at each piece of God's response to Elijah individually. What is God offering? How does it speak to the church globally, and to you personally as part of the church?

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(v. 5, 7) "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you."  
(v. 11) And behold, the Lord passed by...  
(v. 15-18) "Go, return on your way... Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel..."

5. Our culture teaches us to expect quick results on every investment, and that "if it hurts, something is wrong." Read the following passages, and discuss how the Kingdom of God turns the ways of our world upside down.

On expecting quick results: Isaiah 6:8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-10  
On pain avoidance: Mark 8:31-35, John 12:24

6. Three ways we can be involved in fulfilling the Great Commission are praying, giving and going. How are you involved in these? Is there a next step God is challenging you to take? What help or encouragement do you need in order to take it?
7. Our model and motivation for both Gospel expansion to the ends of the earth and personal change is Jesus: as we look to him, he transforms our heart. Take time as a Growth Group to gaze upon Jesus in worship. He was faithful in the face of overwhelming pain and struggle and persevered to save his church. Reflect on his example, and ask him to teach us faithfulness.

## PRAYER Together (20 minutes or so)

Now turn to prayer for the unreached corners of the world. Pray for non-believers, local believers, and missionaries. Pray against the obstacles that blind people to the Gospel. Pray for the

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