

# Announcements

**Partner Class** • October 19, 12:30-2:30pm: Where appropriate, challenge your group to make the commitment to the mission of North Rock Hill Church. At Partner Class they can learn about what it means to be an official NRHC Covenant Partner.

**Baptism** • October 26: Every week, remind your group about upcoming baptisms. Encourage them to let you know if they're interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches about baptism and what it means to take this step of obedience.

**30's and 40's singles:** Do you know of people in this season of life? If so, please pass along that there is a group planning some social events for them. If they are interested in being in the loop, please pass along their name and email to Allison (allison@northrockhill.com).

## 2 Samuel 9

1. **OPEN** in prayer

2. **WELCOME** and **INTRODUCTIONS**

3. **REVIEW** the dgroup Guidelines

4. **ASSIGN A STORYTELLER:** Prearrange to have someone in the group tell the story. Give them these guidelines:

- Have the Bible open on your lap without reading it or looking at it. Say, "this is the story from God's Word." This demonstrates reverence and authority for Scripture and makes it clear to others that this is not a madeup story, but rather is a story from God's Word.
- Tell the story as accurately as possible without memorizing it or using notes.
- Avoid giving any personal comments or teaching about the story, the setting, or the meaning.

5. **STORYTELLER TELLS THE STORY:** Encourage the group to listen for anything that may stand out to them.

6. **REBUILD THE STORY:** Go around the room and have your group retell/rebuild the story. If your group knows they will be expected to rebuild the story, they will listen more closely and be more invested. Ask them what happened first to get started, then go through the group having everyone add details. This isn't the time for the group to share their own commentary or opinion about the story. That comes later.

7. **READ THE STORY:** Have someone read the passage aloud from their Bible to ensure accuracy and reinforce key details.

8. **DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS:**

- a. What do we learn about God from this passage?
- b. What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage?
- c. In this season of your life, which character do you relate to most, and why?
- d. In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?

9. **OTHER QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THIS PASSAGE:**

- a. David went out of his way to show kindness to someone who could not repay him and who could have been considered his enemy. Who in your life might God be calling you to show undeserved kindness to? What fears, pride, or barriers keep you from extending that kind of grace?
- b. Mephibosheth was welcomed to David's table, not because of what he could offer, but because of covenant love and mercy. In what areas of your life do you struggle to truly believe and rest in God's covenant love for you?

11. **ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORYTELLER:** 2 Samuel 13-20