

“The Threshing Floor”

Open The Conversation: How was your summer? How are you pursuing God right now?

Key Scripture: Read the following together. *“ David then led his men to Jerusalem to fight against the Jebusites, the original inhabitants of the land who were living there. The Jebusites taunted David, saying, “You’ll never get in here! Even the blind and lame could keep you out!” For the Jebusites thought they were safe. But David captured the fortress of Zion, which is now called the City of David. On the day of the attack, David said to his troops, “I hate those ‘lame’ and ‘blind’ Jebusites. Whoever attacks them should strike by going into the city through the water tunnel.” That is the origin of the saying, “The blind and the lame may not enter the house.” So David made the fortress his home, and he called it the City of David. He extended the city, starting at the supporting terraces and working inward. And David became more and more powerful, because the Lord God of Heaven’s Armies was with him.”*

2 Samuel 5:6-10

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

Start Sharing: Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.

- The story of the Jebusites' arrogance and David's strategy to overcome illustrates the concept of relying on God's divine wisdom over human strength and security. Do you have a testimony from a time when you relied on God's wisdom over your own? How does the temptation of relying on your own human strength and security get in the way of you relying on His wisdom now? Let's pray about that today.
- Discuss the significance of David's repentance and the consequences of his census in terms of leadership and responsibility. How does this reflect on our own responsibilities and accountability? Have you experienced the consequences (good or bad) of someone else's choices, or have others been impacted by your choices? What has the Lord shown you through that process? How has He molded your heart?
- Reflecting on the idea of "taking back" what has been lost or compromised, how can we apply David's example to areas where we seek restoration or renewal in our lives and relationship with God? Share a testimony of a time when God restored something lost or compromised in your life.

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

“Heavenly Father, we welcome to have your way in us. Work in our hearts as we trust you and rely on your wisdom. Show us where we can let go of our own understanding, and rely on you. We ask for a fruitful session of groups. Amen”