

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 11-13-2022

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**\*Opener Question or Activity:** Tell a story of the worst leader you have ever had and why?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Luke 20:45-47 "Reflections on Leadership"

**Digging Deeper:** *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

1. What qualities come to your mind when you think of a great leader in world history?
2. Read Numbers 12:3 and Acts 13:22. What are the character qualities that these two great leaders exhibited? How valuable are these qualities to any leader and why?
3. Read about David in 1 Samuel 16:12b-18. What does this say about David's life and actions *before* he becomes well known?
4. Why do the personal lives of leaders in the church matter? What are the consequences when someone tries to minister but is not consistent in righteous living outside of the church?
5. A great passage to get a picture of David's prayer and leadership is 1 Chronicles 14:8-17? What does this teach about the importance of hearing from God as a leader?
6. While David wrote many of the Psalms, his response to his sin(adultery and murder) is captured in Psalm 51. How easy do people respond to leaders who have genuine repentance? Why or why not?

**Apply it today:** Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?