

Women's Bible Study
What's in the Heart
A Heart of Prayer – 2 Samuel 7
Lorie Dahlstrom – November 4, 2009

Intensive Study Questions

1. Even though the word "covenant" is not mentioned in this chapter, David considers it so. From the footnotes what other verses refer to this promise as a covenant?

What other covenants has God made in the OT? Why is this one different? Why is it so important?

Can you find references in the NT that speak of Jesus' lineage from David?

2. Why did God make such an unconditional promise when he knew David would fail him in so many ways?
3. Compare David's prayer with some other great prayers in the OT—Nehemiah, Daniel, Hezekiah or others. What similarities do you find?

What can we take from them to use in our own prayer life?

4. What examples did Jesus give us about prayer from the gospels and David in the Psalms?
5. Why is prayer so important and not to be neglected? List some Scriptures.
6. What are your biggest obstacles in being consistent in prayer?
7. From the Psalms David wrote---use phrases and portions to write your own heartfelt prayer and praise to the Lord.

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Discussion Questions

1. God told David "no" in building a house for His glory. Has God ever said "no" to a vision of ministry or project that you wanted to do for Him? What happened? Did God use your passion for service in a different way?
2. How important is prayer to you? What time and place are best for you? Why is prayer hard? What are your biggest obstacles to a consistent time of prayer?
3. Have you ever kept a prayer journal? How has that helped you? Do you ever use the psalms to express how you feel and pray them back to God? Which ones are your favorites?
4. Share some answers to prayer that have caused you to feel humbled and overwhelmed by God's goodness and grace as David did.