Life Group Discussion Guide
**May I Speak Freely? Does God Hear Me?**
**Promises, Promises**
**2 Samuel 7:18-29**
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Main Thought: How to use the promises of God in prayer.

Sunday Outline:
- Hear David's <u>deference</u> in prayer (vs. 18-21).

- Listen to David's <u>doxology</u> in prayer (vs. 22-24).

- Notice David's insistent <u>demand</u> in prayer (vs. 25-29).

Welcome & Fellowship Time *(Suggested Time 10 Minutes)*

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: *(Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes)*
- Share some ways you saw God answer prayer over this last week.

Discussion Starter: *(Suggested Time 5 minutes)*
- What are the most significant promises you have ever made?

Sermon Review: *(Suggested Time 15 minutes)*
Review 2 Samuel 7:18-29 together as a group. David's prayer is a response to an encounter between Nathan and God that Nathan shares with David.
- What promises does God make in 2 Samuel 7:1-16?

- How does David acknowledge that both his life and the life of Israel are a pure gift?

- What event is at the heart of David's exuberant doxology in verses 22-24?

- David prays God's oracle back to him and expects God to make good on His promise. What is the focus of the promise?

Digging Deeper: *(Suggested Time 20 minutes)*
Read Numbers 14:13-23 together. This is Moses' prayer in response to the people's rebellion and God's complaint about the people. It depicts Moses as the "man in the middle" repeating God's words back to Him.

- Where do you find these words and what is their substance?

- What is the basis of God's pardon to the people?

- Where can we stand in "the middle" like Moses?

Application: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*
- What are the promises you are praying back to God?

- How does God create an island of certainty in a sea of uncertainty through His promises?

- Who can you stand in "the middle" for in prayer this week?

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*