

## An Ordinary Man Serving an Extraordinary God 2 Samuel 7:20-22

## **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

- 1. Based on the context of 1 Samuel 13:14, what is the meaning of the expression, "after God's own heart" which appears in this verse? How does understanding the meaning of this expression affect the way we think about David as a person?
- 2. In Acts 13:22, the apostle Paul mentions David and refers to the same expression used in 1 Samuel 13:14. Does Paul mean the same thing that the writer of 1 Samuel means when he uses this expression? Or is Paul saying something different about David? Explain your answer.
- 3. In your opinion, looking at David's life overall, would you say that David walked closely with God and had a heart that was aligned with God's heart? Why or why not?
- 4. List several ways in which God demonstrated his extraordinary power throughout David's life. How do you think David's life and Israel's history would have been different without God's power working through him?
- 5. From a personal standpoint, in what ways does your life compare and contrast with David's life? What are the ways in which God's power has been working in your life despite your personal shortcomings?
- 6. What choices can we make, or what actions can we take, so that our flaws and weaknesses don't hinder us from allowing God's Spirit to work through us? List several ideas.