

# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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## Transitions: David to Solomon

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We're in a season of change and transition. That is frightening to some and fascinating to others. The good news for all of us is that we've been effectively learning how to manage change and transition for the last decade. To thrive in this time of transition, we'll want to keep three things in mind: patience, courage, and faithfulness.

### SCRIPTURE TEXT: 1 CHRONICLES 28:1-10

Read the scripture text together as a group.

#### BACKGROUND INFO

In this current moment, we want to make the most of the leadership transition that is coming so we can continue what God has begun in us. And one of the most important parts of that is to trust that God is already working in the heart and mind of the next leader to be called. When King David realized that his time as the leader of the people of Israel was coming to an end, Solomon was God's next chosen leader. David laid a healthy foundation for what was next, and Solomon built a great sanctuary for God and God's people.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Thriving as a congregation in transition requires patience.** Read Psalm 27:14. On a scale of 1 to 10, how patient are you? What are the top three things that really try your patience? Share about a time that you had to "wait on the Lord." What/who helped you stay strong and not lose hope? How did the Lord reward your patience? Is there a situation in your life where you are currently "waiting on the Lord"? How can this group help you stay strong and not lose hope?
- **Thriving as a congregation in transition requires courage.** Read (or recall) the story of David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17. What "giant" have you faced in your life? How did remembering God's faithfulness give you courage? Read what David said about courage in Psalm 27:1. If you were to write a Psalm of thankfulness to God for God's faithfulness in your past and/or for giving you courage, what would you say?
- **Thriving as a congregation in transition requires faithfulness.** As we receive courage by remembering God's faithfulness, we also need to BE faithful. Read the words of David from Psalm 31:14-15a. What is one practical way you show in your daily life that "[you] trust in the Lord"? Sometimes actions speak louder than words. How have you said "You are my God. My times are in your hands" by your actions?

**APPLICATION:** Pray for yourself and for the whole faith community at Prince of Peace as we lean into the changes that are taking place and the transitions that those changes will necessitate. Pray especially for patience, courage, and faithfulness.