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**The Shepherd King
1 Kings 2:1-11**

Big Idea: Facing our own mortality urges us to live now, encouraging obedience, showing gratitude, and owning our stuff.

Overview: In 1 Kings 2:1-11, we encounter a pivotal moment in David's life as he prepares to pass the throne to his son Solomon. As David approaches the end of his life, he offers his final words of counsel and wisdom to Solomon, urging him to remain faithful to God's commandments and walk in righteousness. David's instructions are not merely a father's farewell, but a profound reminder of the significance of godly leadership and obedience.

He emphasizes the importance of following God's ways, maintaining justice, and honoring the covenant with God in every aspect of life. This passage highlights the crucial role of legacy in leadership and how the actions of one generation impact the next. David's words serve as a challenge to Solomon, but they are also a reminder for all of us to live with integrity and reverence for God's commandments.

Through this text, we are encouraged to reflect on how we are living out our faith and what kind of example we are setting for others. Ultimately, this passage invites us to consider the kind of legacy we are leaving behind and how our faithfulness to God can influence future generations.

Life Group Objectives:

Remember why you exist as a group! Life Groups are to:

1. Reflect on this past week's message and passage or dig into the series you are going through as a group. When we all track together on the sermon series, we learn and grow together as a church.
2. We desire for you to have the Bible play a key role in your time together. Please have people open up Bibles, seeking clarity, asking questions, sharing insights, and allowing it to guide your time together.
3. Pray together and provide encouragement for other group members. How can you build one another up this week?

Conversation starters:

- What is the best piece of wisdom or advice you received from an older adult (parent, mentor, good friend) that you will always remember?
- What is the desired legacy you want to leave?

Learning from God's Word: Bible Study Discussion

Read Scripture: 1 Kings 2:1-11

Questions for Discussion:

1. **How to die well: Encourage the Next Generation vs. 1-4**
 - What is David's main point in his encouragement to Solomon? Read vs. 1-4.
 - How do David's words help us to "die well" if we take them to heart?
 - What does it look like for you, in your current season of life, to encourage the next generation?

2. How to die well: Show Gratitude vs. 7

- How does practicing gratitude shape and form us?
- As you reflect on your life, who are the people who have been your support team that without them, you would not be who you are or where you are today?
- How have you seen God's kindness through others in your life?

3. How to die well: Own your stuff vs. 5-6; 7-8

- How do we make sense of morally questionable things like this when we read the Old Testament? It seems like the author of Kings doesn't condemn David's murderous instructions!
- As you reflect and "soar" over your life, what are the times, decisions, and seasons that you look back with and wish you would have done something different?
- What does it look like to own your stuff as you contemplate your mortality?

4. How to die well: Live now vs. 10-11

- How does thinking about our own death create urgency to encourage the next generation, show gratitude, and own your own stuff now?
- How does Jesus' death and resurrection give us peace as we think about our own mortality?

Listening to God:

- The Lord speaks, and we need to discern. What are some key themes that have emerged in your time together? What is the Holy Spirit impressing upon us?