

READ ALONG WITH DAVID

Impact Church Recommended Resources

August 2 - November 1, 2026

The Bible and the church reading plan are primary. Choose one resource to help you go deeper.

CHOOSE ONE BOOK TO READ ALONGSIDE THE SERIES

You do not need all four

1

1-2 Samuel: A 12-Week Study

by Ryan Kelly

BEST GUIDED STUDY

Short lessons, thoughtful questions, gospel connections, and practical application. A strong choice for personal study, couples, or groups.

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2

Leap Over a Wall: Earthy Spirituality for Everyday Christians

by Eugene H. Peterson

BEST DEVOTIONAL READ

A warm, reflective journey through David's relationships, struggles, prayers, and ordinary faith. Less like a textbook and more like spiritual formation.

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3

After God's Own Heart: The Gospel According to David

by Mark J. Boda

BEST CHRIST-CENTERED BOOK

Connects David to anointing, covenant, temple, sin, and the promised Messiah. Especially helpful for seeing how David's story leads to Jesus.

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4

David: A Man of Passion & Destiny

by Charles R. Swindoll

BEST READABLE BIOGRAPHY

A pastoral retelling of David's entire life that is easy to follow and rich in personal application, including his courage, weakness, failure, and restoration.

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A SIMPLE WAY TO USE THESE RESOURCES

1. Read the assigned Scripture first.
2. Write down what you notice and what questions you have.
3. Read one chapter or section from your chosen resource.
4. Bring what you learn into prayer, family conversation, a group, or Sunday worship.

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Books of 1 and 2 Samuel Guide

BIBLEPROJECT

An illustrated overview of the structure, main characters, themes, and messianic hope of Samuel.



Knowing the Bible: 1-2 Samuel

THE GOSPEL COALITION

A free online course with guided questions, whole-Bible connections, theology, and application.



3 Things You Should Know About 1 & 2 Samuel

LIGONIER MINISTRIES

A brief introduction to kingship, David's dynasty, and the way Samuel points forward to Christ.



Finding Our Champion: David and Goliath

THE GOSPEL COALITION

Helps readers move beyond a simple "defeat your giants" interpretation and see the story in biblical theology.



What Does It Mean That David's Son Would Build God's House?

CROSSWAY

A clear explanation of 2 Samuel 7, the Davidic covenant, Solomon, discipline, and Jesus.



The Psalms Are Both by and about the King

CROSSWAY

Shows how David, the royal psalms, and the Davidic covenant help us read the Psalms as part of the story that leads to Jesus.



COMMENTARIES FOR PASTORS, TEACHERS & DEEPER STUDY

Use these after reading the text yourself

1 1 Samuel: Looking on the Heart & 2 Samuel: Out of Every Adversity

by Dale Ralph Davis

Engaging exposition with historical insight, memorable writing, pastoral application, and occasional humor.

ACCESSIBLE

2 The Message of Samuel: Personalities, Potential, Politics and Power

by Mary J. Evans

A readable one-volume commentary that follows both books passage by passage and connects the text to contemporary life.

INTERMEDIATE

3 1, 2 Samuel - New American Commentary

by Robert D. Bergen

A thorough exegetical and theological resource with attention to language, history, literary structure, and application.

DETAILED

A commentary is a conversation partner, not a replacement for Scripture, prayer, or dependence on the Holy Spirit.