



LIFEGROUPS

Series: The Story:

Scripture: Lamentations 3:22

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How Christmas Came to Be

Message: God Remembers

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Last week Pastor Dale shared the second great lesson on How Christmas Came to Be: **Utter Dependence on the Power of God**. What is a circumstance or situation where you had to utterly depend on the power of God? Explain.

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(Pastor Dale has covered a huge amount of material in each message of this series and these questions only touch the surface of it. If you didn't hear the sermon story, have someone in the group give you a summary as best they can. The gist is how God remembers His people, even when they fail Him.)

1. Why did the Israelites want a human king to lead them rather than directly depending on God's leadership? In what way did Saul fit the bill for what the people were looking for in a king (1 Samuel 10:23-24)?
2. What did God see in David? What are some of the ways that David started off as a different leader than Saul? David's grandson took over the rule of Israel after Solomon and, on the advice of his youthful counselors, he placed heavy demands on his people which resulted in a revolution (1 Kings 12). His kingdom became split into the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. What characterized the leadership in the two kingdoms?
3. The prophets became the voice of God to the kings of both kingdoms, confronting them with their sins and holding them accountable to God. Share what you recall from Pastor Dale's message about the prophet Elijah. Discuss what it would be like to have your own prophet from God to help you understand His will and confront you when needed.

