

### Going deeper

Many of the Psalms were written by David and echo the incidents and struggles in his life. In this Psalm David praises God for the many victories he has given him over his enemies.

### Read Psalm 9

5. What does David set out to do in verses 1-2?
  
6. According to David what is the secret of his success in military campaigns?
  
7. When David was young Saul was king, and later David himself was king. How does David describe God in verses 7-8? Who is really king? (cf. 1 Samuel 8:6-7)
  
8. Who does David say God is king over? Why is that important?
  
9. Why is God's kingship good news for the oppressed and afflicted?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***



**Week Beginning  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

### Growth Team News

This week Growth Teams continue with the topic: *David: God's King*. David has been anointed by Samuel and has defeated Goliath. His popularity is growing, but Saul the king grows increasingly jealous of this new kid on the block.

**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever**



## David in Danger

*1 Samuel 18-19 (page 290-292)*

*Space to take notes on the talk*

**Saul:** \_\_\_\_\_

**David:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Starter question

- ❖ Can you think of someone who is very popular today? Why are they so popular?

## Responding to the talk

1. What from this week's talk do you most hope to talk about in the Growth Team?
2. Read 1 Samuel 18:1-5 - David and Jonathan
  - a. How did Jonathan, Saul's son feel about David?
  - b. What did Jonathan giving David his robe etc. symbolise? (cf. 20:30-31; 23:17)
  - c. Why does Saul promote David to a high rank in the army?
3. Read 1 Samuel 18:6-11 – David and Saul
  - a. What effect did David's success have on Saul? (cf. 18:12,15, 29)
  - b. How does Saul treat David as a result? (cf. 18:17, 21,25; 19:1,9-10,19-20)
  - c. Augustine of Hippo said, "sin becomes the punishment of sin." How was this true for Saul? (cf. 15:26; 16:14)
4. Read 1 Samuel 18:12-30 – David and the LORD
  - a. What was the secret of David's success?
  - b. Saul is against David (18:29), but who is for him? What tensions would this have caused in Saul's family? (cf. 19:4-5; 19:14-17)
  - c. Whose support was ultimately most important for David?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

## Applying it to our lives

10. A Christian friend is feeling jealous of someone who has been promoted at work. What warnings are there for them in the life of Saul?
11. David is clear why he is successful. How can we ensure that we attribute our successes to God like David?