CORNERSTONE REFLECTION GUIDE
NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Title: **David: The Story of God's Glory**
Preacher: **Rev. Matt Tuggle**
Scripture: **Romans 8:17; 2 Samuel 23:3-4**

The Bible's temple imagery reveals the unfolding story of God's glory—a story He has been writing from the beginning and continues through His people today. God's presence once dwelled in the temple, then took on flesh in Jesus, and now God's Spirit dwells within us, making the church the living temple He sends into the world. In this week's sermon, we explore passages from both the Old and New Testaments to better understand who we are and what we are called to do.

With his last words in 2 Samuel, David depicts a life shaped by God as dawn's first light and refreshing rain, a presence that renews and helps others flourish. Romans 8 shows how this life becomes possible. We are children of God and have been made heirs with Christ, invited to participate in his mission and embody his character. The story of God's glory continues through us today as He forms us into people who reflect His goodness and carry His presence wherever we go.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stuck out to you about this sermon? Was there an idea that was particularly meaningful or challenging for you?
2. In 2 Samuel 23:3-4, David describes godly leadership as light at dawn and refreshing rain. How would you describe that kind of influence in your own words? Who in your life has embodied this kind of leadership for you?

3. Read Romans 8:17. What does it mean to you to be a child of God and an heir with Christ? How does this identity change the way you approach your daily life, your work, and your relationships?
4. How does the temple imagery—from the Old Testament to Jesus to the church—deepen your understanding of God's presence? How does it shape the way you view your role in His story?
5. What are some practical ways we can embody God's presence and reflect His glory to the world around us?

WEEKLY PRACTICE

As an heir with Christ, we are invited to share in his life, mission, and character (Romans 8:17). Consider how being God's child shapes your daily choices, and each day identify one practical way to reflect His goodness, light, and hope to those around you.

This week, look for tangible opportunities to embody God's presence—through encouragement, prayer, service, generosity, or simple acts of love—and offer thanks for each chance to participate in His story. Each evening, reflect with gratitude:

- How did I carry God's presence today?
- Where could I have shared His light more intentionally?
- In what ways did God reveal His goodness through me or through others?

As the week comes to a close, let these reflections guide you into a posture of continual gratitude and intentional living. Trust that God is at work in and through you, and commit to carrying His presence forward—bringing light, hope, and renewal to your community and participating in His story here **in Dallas, as it is in heaven.**