

Life Group Questions  
July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# David and the Ark of God

2 Samuel 6:1–15

## Connecting

Is there a time in your life where you experienced God in a way that felt real and that changed you? Would you share that story with us?

## Observation

Let's read 2 Samuel 6:1-15.

Someone remind us - what do we know about the ark and about why it was in Baale-judah?

What do we learn about God from the first part of this story - verses 1-10? What do we learn about the Israelites and King David?

In what way are verses 11-12 the "good news" of this passage?

What are some differences that you notice between the first attempt to get the ark to Jerusalem and the second attempt?

## Understanding

Why do you think this is a troubling passage for some people? How are we as Christians to handle passages that are potentially troubling?

I think we are to appreciate the honesty of David's reaction - the anger and fear and unwillingness - because we can relate with it in our own relationship with God. What can we learn from this passage for when we are not in healthy places in our faith . . . how are we to move through that in obedience?

Are there any ways you can think of that connects this passage with Jesus?

## Living

Let's talk about this idea of living a six-step-praise kind of life. Do you need to grow in your habit of continual praise to God, and if so, how might you take some steps toward joyful obedience?

