

KING ME

WHAT EVERY SON WANTS AND NEEDS FROM HIS FATHER

A Word to Leaders . . .

Welcome to the men's small group discussion guide for Steve Farrar's new book *King Me: What Every Son Wants and Needs from His Father*. What follows are chapter-by-chapter discussion starters for any group of men, large or small, to use as a guide through this excellent study.

A good background study would be for each man in the group to read through at his own pace the Old Testament books of 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, and 1 and 2 Chronicles. These are foundation biblical texts Steve uses and draws from to build his case for the need of fathers to mentor their sons to godly manhood.

Getting Started

Start each time together in prayer. Take prayer requests from the men. It's most effective if some prayer time is set aside to pray together on issues related to relationships with sons, family, etc. Some men might be in crisis mode when they begin this study. Others are just getting started with infant or toddler sons. Still others have raised sons and are now wondering about what to do next in their relationship to these now grown men. Ask the Lord to help you be sensitive to the variety of needs and backgrounds each participant will bring to each session.

Making the Study Fit Your Needs

King Me will make for an excellent 12-week Sunday school or small group format. You can take a chapter a week or go at your leisure. Enjoy it. Embrace it. And let us hear from you. Your feedback is important to us. Use the contact information on the SteveFarrar.com website or go to Moodypublishers.com and follow the links for feedback.

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CHAPTER ONE
KING ME

1. How did Steve's opening story about James Dobson, Sr. impact you?
2. Where would you say you are right now in your relationship with you own son(s)? Crisis mode? Doing pretty good? I'm not really sure? How would you respond?
3. What are some of the challenges you face presently as a father?
4. In what ways do you feel you were or were not mentored by your own father?
5. How do you feel about Steve's statement on page 19 that there really is not a "higher calling in life" than to mentor your son(s)?

CHAPTER TWO
BUILDING SONS INTO MEN

1. What were some of the lessons you learned from Steve's observations about the Old Testament Kings?

2. How do you feel about the notion of viewing your son(s) as a future king and your role as a mentor?

3. How do you feel you're doing on the "jobs" Steve points out as key to mentoring sons . . .
Job#1: Love God deeply
Job#2: Teach your son diligently?

4. What surprised you about the idea of a breakdown of authority in the home and the resulting crisis among boys and young men?

5. If your son were to be interviewed today and be asked what three words best describe his relationship to you, what would he say?

CHAPTER THREE
RAPID RESPONSE
(MENTORING THROUGH MISTAKES)

1. What do you believe is the most helpful principle in this chapter? Why?

2. Are there any areas in your life where you believe you've blown it?

3. What kind of comfort can we as fathers take in David's story?

4. How did you feel as you were reading Steve's very personal story of his conversation with his son John? Explain.

5. What about your sons? Do they need any form of rapid response from you at this point? Why or why not?

CHAPTER FOUR
SWIFT BOOT
(MENTORING THROUGH DISCIPLINE, PART 1)

1. How do you respond to Steve's point blank observations about the peril of unchecked foolishness?

2. What are some of the more obvious signs of foolishness in our sons that unchecked will haunt them as adults?

3. What is the most difficult thing for you in the area of disciplining your son(s)?

4. How do you know when you've crossed the line between loving discipline and exasperating your son(s)? (See Colossians 3:21)

