

## EPIC OF DAVID SUMMER BIBLE STUDY SERIES

All Saints Parish

Marianne and David Evett, leaders

on Sundays June 21- July 19 at 9:15 am

One of the welcome features of the new revised lectionary is the chance it will give us to hear substantial chunks of the Bible, Hebrew and Christian Testaments, sequentially, the way they occur in the book.

We meet this head on in June and July, as we follow the story of David, from his obscure beginnings as a marginalized shepherd-boy to his death as Israel's most celebrated king.



Marianne and David Evett will lead a Sunday morning study group to talk about this Judeo-Christian equivalent to the *Iliad*, the *Aeneid*, *Beowulf*, or the *Chanson de Roland*, the epic story of a great hero's rise and fall.

Over the five weeks of the course we will start from the Sunday lections, but reach out to take in the rest of the story as told in 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 Kings. We will look at David as warrior, political leader, prophet, and poet, but also as an all-too human man who is sometimes splendid, sometimes selfish and destructive use of his gifts and opportunities set the life of his descendant, Jesus, in a vivid and revealing light.

The series will be designed so that each unit is self-sufficient, so that people who cannot attend all five meetings can be sure that any single one of them will be rewarding. We recommend that participants read the two books of Samuel at the beginning, so that the individual episodes can take their places in the story as a whole.

All that's required, however, is a look at the lesson for the day, and a willingness to listen and contribute. Coffee, tea and pastries will be provided.

The scheduled readings:

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| June 21 | Samuel anoints David (1Sam 15:34-16:13). David kills Goliath (1Sam 17: 1-49)  |
| June 28 | David's lament for Saul (2 Sam 1:1-27). David becomes king (2 Sam 5: 1-10)  |
| July 5  | David dances before the ark (2 Sam 6:1-19). David proposes to build the Temple (2 Sam 7:1-14)   |
| July 12 | David loves Bathsheba and sends her husband to die (2 Sam 11:1-15). Nathan announces God's punishment of David for his sin (2 Sam 11:26-12:13). |
| July 19 | Death of Absalom (2 Sam 18:5-33). Solomon becomes king (1 Kings 2:10-3:14).   |

We hope to see you there!