

Home Group Questions

the week of 03/03/2019

1 Samuel 16

DAVID – HEART MATTERS

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel continued his series on the “Ordinary Superheroes of the O.T.”. This week focused on David and his selection as the king to follow King Saul, who was a failure as a king in God’s eyes. What made David so attractive to God, was David’s heart which sought after God. David reminds us of the importance of not only having a heart for God but being intentional about maintaining a heart that seeks after God!

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13. Talk about this experience and what it must have been like to be there and see the sons of Jesse, one by one, rejected by the Lord and the one that was actually to be the next King of Israel not even invited to the party. What was the lesson that God was driving home to the people there but also to us today? How can we be more intentional about caring for and monitoring the condition of our heart? What are some spiritual practices that we can be involved in that will help identify when our hearts are wandering from the Lord?

2. Read Samuel 15:10-23. Saul is the sad contrast to David. Saul rationalizes his sin and does not obey the clear word of the Lord. What are some of the insights that come out in this passage about Saul? When in a believer’s life are we most open to rationalizing our sin or explaining it away? What are the rationalizations we use to sometimes excuse our disobedience to the commands and principles of the Word of God?

- Focus on Verse 22: The fact that God does not delight in burnt offerings, if they are done by someone who is acting disobediently to the Word of God, tells us a great deal about our God and how to worship Him. What are some principles that you might glean from this verse about how we are to come to church on Sunday, about how we are to approach God’s Word in our own quiet times, and how we are to serve him in our lives?

4. Like a physical heart, our spiritual heart needs care and monitoring. Look at the chart below and talk about each of these warning signs that may exist in the life of a believer and strategies you may have used to overcome these symptoms.



5. Talk about the diagnostic questions listed below and look up the verses if you have time. Which one is the one that you may have to address in your life to insure a healthy heart. Diagnostic Concerns:

1. **Are you heart-checking?** Psalm 51:10
2. **Are you eating healthy?** Psalm 37:4
3. **Are you exercising (serving)?** Colossians 3:23-25
4. **Are you refreshing/resting?** Prov. 23;26
5. **Are you connecting with like-minded others?** Heb. 10:25
6. **Are you “Christlike-”changing?** Psalm 19:14

Moving Forward...

Pray that you will have a heart that constantly seeks after God and that any “heart issues” that you identify will be corrected.