

Community group questions
I Samuel 16-31

Opening question: What activities, stunts, events, shows, talents, etc. impress you?

Scripture study

- Read I Samuel 16:1-13. Make some observations as to the setting (where this is taking place), what is the context (what just came before it), and what do we know of the characters involved. Other than verse 7, what verses stand out to you and why? What does Samuel's grieving tell us about him and what can we learn from it?
- What does verse 7 tell us about how God chooses people? How is this counter-cultural? What are some qualities of someone whose heart is according to God's heart? How do we cultivate a heart according to God's heart?
- Read I Samuel 17:20-26, 32-37, 45-47, 50. What do we learn of David's character in this scene? What motivates David to do something about the situation? How can fear prevent you from doing the right thing?
- Read I Samuel 24:1-7 & 26:7-11. What do we know of Saul and David's relationship? What impresses you about David's response in each situation and what does it say about his character? Can you think of a time when doing the right thing won out over being an opportunist? In what way do you need patience in waiting for God to deal with an enemy or a situation with some difficult person?
- Read I Samuel 25:2-11. What is going on here and what is it that gets David angry and what stops him? Read 25:32-33. What do we see in David here? How is it that God rescued David? How might God rescue us and why would we ever refuse it?