

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DAVID: A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

WEEK 2

SERMON RECAP

Have you ever felt like David, running errands while destiny waits? In this powerful message, we discover how a shepherd boy's heart, not his skills or status, propelled him to face Goliath. Through David's iconic story, we learn that God uses hearts that are faithful in small things, preoccupied with His glory, and anchored in Him. Whether you're delivering food or facing giants, it's your heart's condition that matters most. From David's quiet moments in the field to his historic battle, the sermon revealed how communion with God shapes the heart He uses. That leaves us with discovering how our own hearts can be positioned for God's purpose in our lives.

GET STARTED

- It has been said that everyone loves a good underdog story. **Why do you think this is so? Reflecting over sports history, movies, TV, books, or your own life, do you have a memorable or favorite underdog story? If so, share.**
- Matt shared that David had a heart after God. **What does that mean to you? Do you feel that you have a heart after God?**
- Many of us have had to face a giant in our personal life such as job loss, death, divorce, sickness. **Share a time that you faced a giant and how the Lord delivered you.**

TAKE IT IN

- **What encouraged or challenged you from the message this week? Why?**

TALK IT OVER

Read 1 Samuel 17

- In the sermon, Matt mentioned that there can be a gap between 'anointing' and 'appointing' in God's calling. David was anointed to be king, but then went back to running errands and tending sheep. Sometimes we can become frustrated during the gap between when God reveals a calling and when you step into it. **Why is this concept important to understand in our spiritual journey? What 'gap' are you currently experiencing in your life between what you feel God has called you to and where you currently are?**
- In 1 Samuel 17:20, David is shown being faithful with small tasks before his confrontation with Goliath. He made sure his sheep were cared for and delivered food faithfully, even after being anointed as future king. **How does being faithful in small things prepare us for bigger responsibilities? What small things in your life right now might God be using to prepare you for something bigger?**
- Calling isn't just about Christian occupations like pastor or missionary, but about being preoccupied with bringing God glory in whatever we do. **How can any job become a calling when focused on God's glory? Think about your current work or daily activities, what is**

one specific way you could be more intentional about bringing glory to God?

- David knew who he was and wasn't, refusing to wear armor he wasn't used to, showing the importance of staying true to how God made you (v. 38-40). **What armor might you be wearing that isn't authentic to who God made you to be?**
- David's experience fighting lions and bears while alone tending sheep prepared him for his confrontation with Goliath, showing how character is built in private moments. **How does cultivating a relationship with God prepare you to face future challenges? What spiritual habits are breathing life into your relationship with God right now? Share about what God is teaching you through these habits.**

LIVE IT OUT

David's victory happened long before he stepped onto the battlefield, because on the inside he had a heart trained in faithfulness. As we navigate our daily lives, remember that God often uses the seemingly insignificant tasks to prepare us for greater purposes. Where is He calling you to be faithful in the small things? What giants is He leading you to? This week, specifically carve out time in your schedule for quiet moments to spend time with God. If this isn't a regular habit, what would it look like to develop ongoing quiet moments with God? If we want to be equipped, then we have to spend time with God. As you spend time with God this week, make sure to share what you are learning with someone or your group.

Memorize:

"The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." **1 Samuel 17:37**

Prayer:

Father, thank you for sending your Son into the battle we could never win. Shape in us David like hearts, faithful in the little things, longing for Your glory, secure in your calling. Remind us today that, in Christ we already possess all that we need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen