

THE STORY



FROM SHEPHERD TO KING

I Samuel 16-18

SAUL & GOLIATH

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I Samuel 9:2; 10:24

DAVID & SAUL

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David & Goliath is really a contrast of _____ & _____.

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This isn't a battle to defend God's _____ so much as a battle to defend God's _____.

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I Samuel 13:14

Upper Story: God establishing his _____

Lower Story: A battle for a temporary kingship

Whose kingdom are you building?

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Chapter 11: From Shepherd to King

Sermon on May 1, 2022

Introductory Video Link: <https://bit.ly/ShepherdKing>

Getting to Know Me

1. If you were a superhero, what would your name be?

Digging Deeper

2. What insight or observation from Sunday's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, or challenging? Why?
3. Read together 1 Samuel 16:7. How do you define "heart" in this passage? What do you think God is looking for in our hearts?
4. Read together I Samuel 17:43-47. How is David's heart and passion different than Saul's? What do you think is the root cause of David's courage and faith? Do you think we have access to that same passion in our lives today?
5. David's heart and passion for God is revealed in many of his Psalms. Choose one of the following to read together as a form of worship, or share your favorite with your group: Psalm 8:1-3; Psalm 9:1-2; Psalm 18:1-2; Psalm 19; Psalm 27:1-4.

6. Read I Samuel 24:1-10. Why do you think David restrained from taking Saul's life? What does this tell us about David? What does this teach us about how to live our lives today as we deal with difficult people or those who oppose us?
7. Read II Samuel 6:14-16, 21-22. When David brought the ark of the Lord into Jerusalem, he danced in the streets to celebrate the greatness of God. How do we/can we celebrate the greatness of God with abandon as David did?
8. Throughout this series, we see glimpses of Jesus. Where do you see whispers of Jesus in this chapter of *The Story*?

Where Do I Go from Here?

9. What needs to change in your attitude or behaviors to become more and more a person after God's own heart?
10. How would your world, your relationships be different if, instead of building your own little kingdom (what you have, how you look, how you can get more for yourself...), you were building God's kingdom?

Prayer

Pray for revival in our land. Ask God to give us the courage to be men and women after His heart. Ask God to give us the joy to celebrate because of His greatness.

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