

Sunday, September 8, 2019 - "David - Week 1" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: 1 Samuel 8:19-22, 1 Samuel 16:13, Acts 13:22

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- In 1 Samuel 8:9-20 the people of Israel cry out for a king
 - They were promised one but had judges (normal people who went back to normal jobs after that fulfilled the purpose/season God had for them) up until this point
 - **1st Lesson: A good thing for the wrong reason is a bad thing**
 - Israel wanted a king so they would "be like the other nations"
 - They get what they ask for and a tragic story begins...
- King Saul: Taller, better looking than anyone else
 - 1 Samuel 10:1 - God gave him another heart (the holy spirit)
 - Saul had an opportunity to succeed...He had ALL that he needed and so do we
 - We are chosen and God gives us everything thing for life and godliness
 - But Saul's achilles heal was FEAR (he hid when he was to be officially made king)
 - Then Saul acted out of fear (the wrong reasons) again when he sacrificed (a good thing) before Samuel got there → **2nd Lesson: Fear is a dangerous motivator**
- Fear keeps us from doing what we should and causes us to do what we shouldn't
- 1 Samuel 16:13 - Samuel anoints David and "the spirit rushed on him"
- Similarities between Saul and David
 - Neither really wanted to be king, neither sought it out, both chosen by God, both given the Holy Spirit
 - But David was a "man after God's own heart"
 - He had a passionate pursuit of knowing God, wanted to please him, wanted to please Him
 - This prompted David to be fearless
- Goliath: was a huge guy that was taunting the people of Israel
 - Saul and Israel were afraid (Saul was supposed to be the champion to face Goliath)
 - Then Saul entrusts the future of Israel to a BOY
 - David did what Saul was supposed to do...he would be the king that Saul was supposed to be
- The antidote to fear is love
 - Perfect love casts out all fear
 - Perfect love is only found in God and his son Jesus
- God has chosen us and empowered us
 - God searched for you and found you
 - He has given all you need to overcome
 - David knew this truth and Saul did not

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. When was a time you did a good thing for the wrong reasons? What did you learn through the process?
2. When has a desire to be like others affected you in a negative way?
3. What does it mean to you that God has given everything you need? How does that affect the way you think and live your life?
4. What's the thing in front of you (like Goliath) that you are scared of?
5. Share a time when you conquered fear? How did you rely on God in the process?
6. How does the truth that God has chosen you empowered you affect your heart and mind?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: 1 Samuel 16 Tues: 1 Samuel 17 Wed: 1 Samuel 18 Thurs: 1 Samuel 19 Fri: 1 Samuel 20

Songs from the weekend: [Lion and the Lamb - *Bethel Music*] - [*Made A Way* - *Travis Greene*] - [Everlasting God - *William Murphy*] - [*Surrounded* - *UpperRoom*]