

STUDY QUESTIONS: KING DAVID PART 2

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 13:13, 14
Acts 13:22
Psalm 19
Key Verse: 19:7-11

Leaders: The first two scripture readings listed are more for background information than for group study. They set up the transition from Saul to David as the anointed as king of Israel. At the end of last week's sermon, God had rejected Saul as king because he failed to follow God's commands. David, son of Jesse, was a man after God's own heart.

Big Idea: To have a heart for God, we must be connected to His heart.

Getting Started

If you were going to leave the world one piece of advice before you died, what would you say?

When you die, what do you want others to say about how you lived?

Digging Deeper

David was far from perfect. He was involved in adultery, murder, and family dysfunction. Sin did not escape Israel's great king, but God still called him "A man after my own heart."

Read I Samuel 17:34-37. What about David's heart is revealed in this passage?

His reliance upon God

Do you have a similar story? Fill in the blanks from your own life experience:

The Lord who delivered me from _____ and _____, will deliver me from _____.

Leaders: You will want to be ready to answer. Sometimes it is necessary to take the lead with questions like these.

How does your relationship with God (i.e. the status of your heart) affect your faith in regards to the previous question?

Read Psalm 19: 1-14 out loud.

Suggestion: Go around the room and have each group member read a few verses.

What stirred David's heart regarding God's character?

He saw God as creator; that God's glory is seen throughout His creation (v.1).

What stirred David's heart regarding God's word?

The law is perfect because it revives the soul. His statutes are trustworthy because they make wise the simple...

Application

Read Romans 10:17. Can our knowledge of God increase our faith?

YES.

How does this happen?

Faith comes from hearing the message, from the word of God.

How often do you listen to "the heart of God" (His word)?

CHALLENGE!

Make a commitment this week to spend time with Him. Read Psalm 103 in the morning and evening. Journal your experience in hearing the heart of God.