

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What brings you Joy?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read 1 Samuel 16:6-13 together. Do you tend to judge others by their outer appearance rather than by who they are?
3. Samuel was sent by God to find the next king of Israel. When Samuel got to Jesse's home, he brought out all of his sons except for David. What made David better fit to be king than all of his other brothers?
4. Why do you think God looks more at the heart than the physical appearance?
5. This week, Pastor Nick challenged us to time how long we spend on our physical appearance each day, then spend equal time tending to our hearts. Have you taken this challenge?
 - a. How much time do you typically spend on your physical appearance.
 - b. How much time do you spend tending to your soul?
6. Do you find it difficult to find time to do things that are good for your spiritual growth? Why do you think that is?
7. Read 1 Samuel 17:32-40. What stands out to you in this passage?

8. Saul and the others thought David was out of his mind for refusing the armor, and going completely on faith. What does this tell you about David's faith?

9. What set David apart was that he was fearless because he was right with God and had faith that he would be taken care of. Saul seemed to rely less on faith and more on his own abilities. Do you relate more with David, or with Saul? Why?

10. Read 1 Samuel 24:1-12. David had an opportunity to take out Saul, but instead he just cut off a corner of Saul's robe. Why didn't he kill Saul right then and there?
 - a. What does this say about David's character?

11. This week, what is one thing you can do to be more like David and less like Saul?

Application

Below are some key points to take away from this study. Take time to discuss the points and pray together:

- If you know your heart is not aligned with God's heart, then MAKE A CHANGE. Make God number 1 in your heart and your life again.
- Live your life in such a way where people see the glory of God in the way you fearlessly live.