

COVER TO COVER

THE BIBLE IN 10 MINUTES, 5 DAYS PER WEEK



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We created this plan to capture the **highlights** of Scripture over the 22 weeks of the “Cover to Cover” sermon series. While this plan will not cover everything, it will give you a holistic perspective on the story of the Bible and what that means for your life today. Week 10 of the plan is below. We will update this plan each week so please check back weekly.

WEEK 10

Welcome to week ten of the “Cover to Cover” Bible reading plan. In week nine, we looked at the first half of the book of 1 Samuel, which contains the account of the prophet Samuel and Saul, Israel’s first king. This week, we dive into the second half of 1 Samuel, which records the account of David, who would ultimately become Israel’s second king. King Saul and King David prove to be in direct contrast to one another. While Saul was all about himself, David was known as a man after God’s heart.

DAY 1 Chapters 16 and 17 of 1 Samuel cover the anointing of David and his battle with Goliath. While Saul was the King God’s people initially wanted, David would eventually be the King they truly needed. However, this doesn’t mean David was perfect. Throughout the story, David definitely struggled to follow God’s ways. Nonetheless, David trusted God, and as we have seen in the story of Scripture, God deeply desires his people to trust in him. Keeping this in mind, take some time to **read 1 Samuel 16 and 17** today.

DAY 2 Chapters 18 and 19 of 1 Samuel demonstrate the complicated relationship between David and Saul. Saul quickly turns from respect for David to resentment toward him, even to the point that he attempts to kill David. Today, read **1 Samuel 18 and 19**.

DAY 3 In contrast to Saul’s rage toward David, in Chapter 20, we see how deeply Saul’s son Jonathan loves David. Today, **read 1 Samuel 20**.

DAY 4 In Chapters 21 and 22 of 1 Samuel, David continues to obey God while he runs from Saul. In Chapter 24, David has the opportunity to kill Saul and chooses not to because he honors God’s anointing of Saul as King. Today, **read 1 Samuel 23-24**.

DAY 5 Chapter 25 of 1 Samuel contains the story of Abigail, who eventually became David’s wife. Chapter 26 continues the saga of Saul and David. This story does not end well. In the final chapters of 1 Samuel, Saul continues to defy God and ultimately takes his own life. Today, **read 1 Samuel 25-26**.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that struck you or sticks out to you from this week's sermon?
2. 1 Samuel 16:7 says, *"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'"* What does 1 Samuel 16:7 teach us about God's criteria for leadership? How does this contrast with human criteria?
3. How does David's anointing as king demonstrate God's unexpected choices? What can we learn from this about how God works in our lives?
4. Discuss the difference between David's faith-driven courage and Goliath's confidence. How can faith help us move forward in spite of our fears?
5. What is your biggest takeaway from the story of David and Goliath? How will you apply this lesson to your faith journey this week? Who is someone in your life you should tell about what you learned?

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