

# SUMMER BIBLE JAM '18

## WEEK 1

### David: A Man After God's Own Heart

#### Reading Plan

- Mon: 1 Samuel 16-17; Psalm 23
- Tues: 1 Samuel 18-19
- Wed: 1 Samuel 20; Psalm 34; 52
- Thurs: 1 Samuel 24-25; Psalm 57
- Fri: 2 Samuel 1-2
- Sat: 2 Samuel 5-6

#### Discussion Questions

- What stood out to you about David's early experiences, and the setting for his call? What seasons of your own life would you identify God working in this way?
- What did it mean for David to be "a man after God's own heart"? How did you notice this in the chapters you read this week? How do you desire to grow in this "heart that answers to God first"?

- In what moments did David rely on God's perspective rather than human evaluation and responses? Where are you struggling to see your circumstances with God's eyes?
- What are some expressions in the Psalms you read this week that gripped you? How do these words serve you in your own needs and concerns?

## Resource

### ***"How Do I Do a Character Study?"***

We want to grow in our skill in seeing the desires, tendencies, struggles, weaknesses, and calling of the people in the Bible.

Richard Pratt, in his book "He Gave Us Stories: The Bible Student's Guide to Interpreting Old Testament Narratives," writes that character studies are profiles of the "habits, emotions, desires, and instincts" of Biblical characters (p. 133). We learn to notice their "motives, attitudes, and moral nature" (p. 137). How do we do we do that? We pay attention to:

- Narrative descriptions
- Behavior of the character
- Reactions of those around the character
- The character's words and thoughts
- Evaluations by the narrator
- Development of the character throughout the storyline