

LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

December 9, 2018

God With Us: Out of Bethlehem Comes the Majesty of God

Text: 1 Samuel 16-17

1. What if we lived our life knowing that God is with us 24/7? As believers, what would look differently in our life if we lived with that reality in mind?
2. What is the setting around the anointing of Israel's new king? Where does God call His prophet Samuel to go find the next king (1 Samuel 16.1-2)? When God is looking for his next king what is he looking for (1 Samuel 16.6-7)?
3. What about David on the outside makes him seem like the unlikely choice to be anointed as the next king? Sometimes we feel that we are insignificant, weak, too young, not qualified or maybe the unlikely one to be used by God, but what is God looking for as you read 2 Chronicles 16.9?
4. How is David faithful even after he is anointed king and yet Saul is still king (1 Samuel 16.14-17-23; Read Psalm 37.3)?
5. When David finds himself in Israel's camp what does he find among the men of Israel (1 Samuel 17.23-24)? What do we see about David's heart and passion when he hears Goliath defying God and how is it met by his brother and others (1 Samuel 17.26-30)? How can we be encouraged by David's actions?
6. David has great courage as he is willing to go up against Goliath (1 Samuel 17.32). What has prepared David for this (1 Samuel 17.33-37)? What is the source of David's courage (17.37; Isaiah 64.4; 40.29-31; 41.10)?
7. David trusted God. When we trust God what are we promised in scripture as we read Proverbs 20.22 and Isaiah 49.23? How do we see those promises fulfilled by God with David (1 Samuel 17.48-54)? Our fight is not against flesh and blood, but what kind of battle are we in (Ephesians 6.12, 16-17; 2 Corinthians 10.4)? What Goliaths are in your life right now that you are trusting God to bring down?
8. How does the majesty and glory of God shined bright in David's fight against Goliath (1 Samuel 17.45-47)? As we think about that, God from Bethlehem has shined bright the majesty of God (Micah 5.2). What do we see similar to the story of David and Jesus?

Pray.