

WHOLE HEARTED – A SERVANT HEART

SMALL GROUP NOTES 02/06/19

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SCRIPTURE

- 1 Samuel 16:14-23

SCRIPTURE CONTEXT

This passage begins with a stark contrast between David who is God's chosen king and Saul who is the people's chosen King. We see Saul is operating as King in his own strength and is in fact being tormented by harmful spirits. Saul has been rejected by God because of his pride and arrogance, believing that he was the answer to Israel's problems and taking things into his own hands and breaking God's commandments in doing so.

Contrast that to David, who has just been anointed King, yet we see in the very next breath his focus is on serving Saul. David isn't demanding power or stature but instead, from the overflow of his pure heart, seeks to serve and bless others.

QUESTION FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. For those who have heard the preach, share a particular highlight and why that point stood out for you personally. Has it helped you in your week so far?
2. When David is put forward to serve Saul, it is for so much more than just being skilful at playing – he is a man of valour, of war, prudent in speech and a man of good presence. Why is a servant heart about who we are more than what we can do?
3. David models for us the Kingdom principle that, to reach the call that God has put into your life, you need to be faithful where you are. By doing this, David receives God's blessing and progression in his service of Saul. What does this principle look like in your life right now?
4. As you live servant-hearted for God, others will receive the benefits, whether we think they deserve it or not. We are recipients of blessing from Jesus' servant heart when we didn't deserve it and live in the good of that now and forever. How can you serve and bless others this week?