

WHOLE HEARTED – A CONFIDENT HEART

SMALL GROUP NOTES 23/06/19

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SCRIPTURE

- 1 Samuel 17:28-37

SCRIPTURE CONTEXT

David has lifted his head above the parapet and is about to face the consequences for that. Often some of the biggest battles we face aren't to do with the challenge in front of us but the people beside and behind us. We can find that the thoughts and opinions of others rob us of confidence and joy in walking into all God has for us. David faced this battle, but as he, in obedience, begins to declare that God can't be mocked as Goliath is doing, his brother Eliab erupts. Questioning David's motives and abilities, he mocks David and attempts to shame him into silence. Yet we see that David in seeking after God's heart has a confident heart in both who God is and what God has done that gives him the faith to believe in what God will do.

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. Eliab says to David, "Why have you come down?" and "I know the presumption and evil of your heart." For many of us, when our motives are questioned, we begin to doubt and fear, which allows the voice of negativity to rob us of our confidence. Have you experienced this?
3. Eliab says, "With whom have you left those few sheep?", questioning whether David has any right being there in the first place and mocking the role and responsibility he has. To what extent are you defined by what you do? Do you see what you do as worthy before God?
4. David can stand firm in the face of negativity and challenge because he has seen what God can do. His confidence isn't ultimately in his own ability but in God's. What does this look like in your day-to-day life?
5. God doesn't move in our lives for our glory but for his. What would it look like this week for you to give the glory to him? How can you grow at this?