

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WK 9: JUNE 20 & 23

LEADER INFO:

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GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sneak Peeks – Join the Fleming Island campus team and be one of the first to see inside where hundreds of lives will be transformed as we plant the gospel in Fleming Island.

June 25 - 6:30pm June 30 - 2:30pm <u>Sign up here!</u> (Point of Contact: Todd Hickox)

Independence Day – This year Independence Day falls on Thursday, July 4. Please be aware that 7:22 services will be held at San Pablo and Mandarin campuses ONLY. If you attend at Baymeadows, please attend at San Pablo or Mandarin instead.

Serve Day- Serve Day is an opportunity to collaborate with churches throughout Jacksonville to serve our city in a kingdom effort to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

July 13 | Across Jacksonville - visit <u>coe22.com/localoutreach</u> to sign up.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:

Monday- 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Tuesday - Matthew 5:1-12 Wednesday - James 2:1-5 Thursday - Ephesians 3:14-21 Friday - 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Saturday - Isaiah 55:6-9

A MOVEMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE TO DISCOVER

MEMORY VERSE: But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. - **1 Samuel 16:7**

ACTION STEP FOLLOW UP (5 MINUTES)

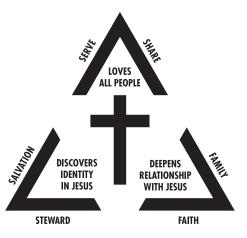
Last week we discussed the need for regular self-examination over the sin in our lives and our ability to receive correction productively like David did. Were you more mindful of these areas this week? Did you incorporate asking God to examine your heart as part of your regular prayer life? Did you have the opportunity to respond

humbly to a correction given by someone?

PROPHETS PRIESTS KINGS -WEEK 9: KING DAVID

THE POINT: GOD DOES NOT CALL THE EQUIPPED BUT, HE EQUIPS THE CALLED. "FOR THE LORD SEES NOT AS MAN SEES; MAN LOOKS ON THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE, BUT THE LORD LOOKS ON THE HEART."

TEXTS: 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13



Take an assessment by using the Discipleship Journey tool listed on page 70-71 in your study journal. Ask yourself the questions listed on page 71. What is one step you can take this week in the direction where you need to grow in discipleship?

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Have someone read 1 Samuel 16:1-10 out loud.

Samuel is grieved from the events that pass with Saul. Samuel knows that if he goes to anoint a new king, it puts himself and the anointed one in danger because Saul is jealous. This does not stop the hand of God from moving. Samuel is told the one he is looking for is a son of Jesse, but each son he sees the Lord clearly denies. The Lord is concerned with the heart.

- 1. God tells Samuel that He "looks on the heart". What does He mean by this? What can we learn about God from His focus regarding the qualities He is looking for in a king? (He looks at our intentions and our actions. He is relational first. The Shemmah, Deut 6:4-9, gives us the most important commandment to love God. This reveals what God is looking for in the new king. He is not concerned with appearance.)
- 2. To better understand the context, reread 1 Samuel 9:15-21 and 1 Samuel 10:20-24. Saul may have looked the part of a king but what ultimately keeps him from remaining as king? (Saul lets fear overcome him both in how he identifies himself as the smallest and least of tribes and by hiding among the baggage. This mindset of fear continues to plague him as king, causing his disobedience to God instead of resting in God.)
- 3. Does God's focus on the heart instead of your actions put you at peace or give you more concern? Do you rely on what you do for God to make you look good to others or God Himself? (God is more concerned with our hearts than our actions. That should keep us working for the kingdom from a place of peace, not performance.)

Have someone read 1 Samuel 16:11-13 out loud.

Samuel continues to ask Jesse if there are more sons, until Jesse brings in the youngest, David. Samuel anoints David in the presence of all his brothers. It says the Spirit, or ruah, comes to rest upon David. The Spirit of the Lord is with David from this point forward, before David has done anything of significance.

- 4. God chooses David as the one to be anointed, even though his father, Jesse, did not take the time to make sure he was present. What does this reveal about God's character and how can this give you hope for His call upon your life? (He is gracious, loving and sovereign. He views the world differently than us because He created it and is outside space and time. God is more than able to make happen what He wants to happen, regardless of man's opinion.)
- 5. We see God choose David with a different set of standards. When you view others, do you look at them through a worldly perspective? Are you allowing the Spirit to change your perspective of others or are you content to judge them by your standards? (David is about to go through some very real trouble but he has the Spirit to comfort him. The same one we receive as believers. Are you allowing the Lord to conform your heart with compassion?)
- 6. The Holy Spirit comes upon David when he is anointed. Yet, he still has to wait a long time before he is appointed as king. Are you in a season of waiting? Are you trying to be faithfully obedient where you are or do you get focused on the destination of your life instead of following God's direction? (Obedience looks different for everyone. For some it is being willing to get uncomfortable and share their faith, others may just need to sign up to serve. What was your yes from several weeks ago and have you taken any steps towards that direction? Leaders, share as you feel led.)

ACTION STEP

What does God see when He looks at your heart? What next actions do you need to take to follow in God's equipping? Do you need to focus on making study of scripture part of your day, serving at church, or becoming more consistent in prayer? Share with a member of the group to keep you accountable.

