

AFTER GOD'S HEART

A STUDY IN THE LIFE OF DAVID



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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

Acts 13:22

God testified concerning him: "I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do."

"David, Son of Jesse, A man who always pursues my heart" (tpt)

"Whatever or whoever has your heart will determine your direction"

Acts 35:36

"For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation,

died and was buried with his ancestors”

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn (flask) with oil and be on your way.

I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.” But Samuel asked, “How can I do that? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

“Take a heifer with you,” the Lord replied, “and say that you have come to make a sacrifice to the Lord. Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you which of his sons to anoint for me.”

So Samuel did as the Lord instructed. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town came trembling to meet him. “What’s wrong?” they asked. “Do you come in peace?”

“Yes,” Samuel replied. “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then Samuel performed the purification rite for Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice, too.

When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the Lord’s anointed!”

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “This is not the one the Lord has chosen.” ⁹ Next

Jesse summoned Shimea,^[a] but Samuel said, “Neither is this the one the Lord has chosen.”¹⁰ In the same way all seven of Jesse’s sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.”¹¹ Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.”

“Send for him at once,” Samuel said. “We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.”

So Jesse sent for him. He was dark (ruddy) and handsome, with beautiful eyes.

And the Lord said, “This is the one; anoint him.”

¹³ So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

A Heart After God:

1. A heart of complete trust and dependence on God

Psalm 25:1-2

In you, Lord my God,
I put my trust.

I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Psalm 56:3-4

But when I am afraid,
I will put my trust in you.
I praise God for what he has promised.
I trust in God, so why should I be afraid?

2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the Lord range (search) throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

Psalm 20:7-9

Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
They are brought to their knees and fall,
but we rise up and stand firm.
Lord, give victory to the king!
Answer us when we call!

A Heart After God:

2. A heart of Worship

Psalm 27:4-6

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One thing I have asked of the Lord, and that I will seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord [in His presence] all the days of my
life,
To gaze upon the beauty [the delightful loveliness and majestic grandeur] of
the Lord
And to meditate in His temple.

For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter;
In the secret place of His tent He will hide me;
He will lift me up on a rock.

Psalm 73:28

But as for me, it is good for me to draw near to God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge *and* placed my trust in Him,
That I may tell of all Your works.

A Heart After God:

3. A heart that always returns to God

Psalm 51:1-4,10-12

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation

FOR MONDAY—

1. Pray and ask God to help you chase after his heart.
2. Invite God to refill you and help you move on from past failures.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. What is your heart running after? What drives you? What qualifies or disqualifies you from being used by God?
2. What past failures are you holding on to? How can you refill your oil and move on?
3. What do you trust when life is throwing its worst at you? What are you depending on to get you through it?
4. What is something or someone you have overlooked or underestimated? Has that ever happened to you? What does it look like to have complete trust and confidence in God?