

Applying It In My LifeGroup time - 30 minutes

1. Sometimes someone else has to tell us or show us what we are worth before we can realize it ourselves. Frequently it is God who shows us our true identity, other times God uses a person to show us who we are. How has God shown you your true identity and worth? How has God used others to show you your value in God's kingdom? How can we help each other learn our true identity and worth?
2. God put David through spiritual boot camp to chisel him and refine him into the kind of man who truly trusted God. Tell about a time God put you through an intense time of growth. How did God use this time in your life to refine, strengthen, and grow you?
3. David had to wait fourteen years between being anointed and actually sitting on the throne. Think about a time of waiting in your life, when you felt that God was refining you. What lessons did you learn while you waited? Have you carried them forward into the present day? Were there any lessons you missed that God still wants to teach you?

Prayer TimeGroup time - 15 minutes

Praise God that He looks upon the hearts of men and women and all their actions. Ask God to teach you to look beyond outward appearances in yourself and in others. Invite God to do what it would take to refine you and prepare you to be used by Him in greater ways. Pray for people you know who are in a challenging time of waiting. Pray for wisdom to know how you can support or encourage them.

Finish your prayer time by praying for the needs of those in your *Growth Group*. Take a few minutes to share prayer requests. Share where God has answered any previous prayer requests.

THE STORY – EXPECTING *From Shepherd To King*

- If your God fits in a box then your God is too _____.
- Our God is _____ than we realize.

The Shepherd

1 Samuel 16-17

- God has a _____ and He can use anybody!
- Saul doesn't have a choice; only David is _____.
- David did not have a _____ for God.

The Future King

2 Samuel 5

- We want God to operate by our _____. Psalm 27:4
- The basic problem with Christians today is an unworthy _____ of God.

For next Sunday read Chapter 12 of The Story.

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GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

Week of December 2-8, 2013

Getting Started.....Group time - 15 minutes

1. Tell about a time you met someone and made a snap judgment about him or her, only to later learn that you were way off. What was your snap judgment of them based upon? What did you learn later about them that changed your initial impression?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

Getting Into God's WordGroup time - 30 minutes

Read *The Story*, Chapter 11 (In preparation to answer questions)

6. In this chapter of *The Story*, many different people think they have David figured out. How did each of these people view David when they looked at him? Read each of these verses and answer below.
 - His father, Jesse (1 Samuel 16:8-12)
 - The prophet Samuel (1 Samuel 16:6-7)
 - His brother, Eliab (1 Samuel 17:28-29)
 - King Saul (1 Samuel 17:33-37)
 - Goliath (1 Samuel 17:41-44)

2. God saw David quite differently from everyone else. In light of this chapter of *The Story*, how did God see David? What qualities did God see in David that led him to anoint this sixteen year old as the future king? What qualities distinguished David from King Saul?

3. David had to wait fourteen years to be king of Israel. What obstacles did David face to become the king he was anointed to be? What lessons did David learn during his time of waiting?

4. When Saul disobeyed God (1 Samuel 15), Samuel told Saul that the LORD had sought out a man after God's own heart and appointed him as the ruler for His people. Read Acts 13:21-22. Based upon David's example what does it mean to be a man or woman after God's own heart? What are the core qualities of a person after God's own heart?



5. Read 1 Samuel 17:45-50. In his battle with Goliath, "*David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him*". Why was David able to face the giant, Goliath, when so many others gave way to fear? Where did David find the courage to face down this impending enemy? How does David prepare for his battle with Goliath? What was the key to David's victory?