

HEART OF ROYALTY SMALL GROUP STUDY

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Getting Started:

1. As people, do you think we make most judgments based on appearance? Why or why not?
2. What's a time where you experienced something that was, "More than meets the eye?" How did that make you feel?

Searching the Scriptures:

1. Read through 1 Samuel 16:1, 4-13. What jumps out to you?
2. Samuel is fooled into thinking that Jesse's oldest son, Eliab, would be the next king due to his appearance. What are some other biblical examples of appearances being deceiving?
3. The next chapter of 1 Samuel 17, shows how appearances can be deceiving. How do we see appearances being deceiving in David vs. Goliath?
4. The story of David vs. Goliath has been told many times in sermons, Sunday School, etc. Why do you think we love this story so much?
5. What other biblical stories show why God decided to choose David as the next king of Israel, i.e. what other stories show David being a good king or having the heart of a good king?
6. David from his experiences as a shepherd wrote Psalm 23. What biblical truths jump out to you in these verses? How do you think these truths guided David's life?

Application of Scripture:

1. In what ways do we judge others based on how they look? How is this a good thing? How is this a bad thing?
2. How do you think others judge us based on how we look? How does it make you feel when others judge you based on your appearance?
3. What does it mean that God looks at our heart? Are you comforted or scared by this idea?

4. How does this phrase from Keith's sermon strike you, "God knows us better than anyone ever could, and loves us better than anyone ever can."
5. Jesus actually gives us advice on how to see others' hearts in Matthew 7:15-20. What truths can we gather from these verses?
6. What sort of challenges or giants might a person face in life?
7. Why do you think we often try to avoid the giants in our lives? When might be a good time to avoid giants in our lives?
8. Why should we face some giants in our lives?
9. What's one giant this week you need to face, and how will you do it?