

Personal weekly Bible readings to go deeper into Scripture.

Memory Verse: Psalm 51:17

Day 1 – Chapter 12 of “The Story”

Day 2 – 2 Samuel 11-12

Day 3 – 2 Samuel 18-19

Day 4 – 1 Chronicles 22 & 29

Day 5 – Psalm 23, 32 & 51

Questions to consider while reading the Bible:

Is there an example to follow?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a promise to rely on?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a challenge in which to respond?



The Story: From Shepherd to King

December 1-2

“The Story” Chapter 11; 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13

Please use this space to take notes during the message today.



Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David.

1 Samuel 16:12b-13

Adult and teen small group discussion points

Please use these discussion questions in your small group or with your teens.

1. In your childhood, when a team was chosen, were you closer to the first one chosen or the last?
2. 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?
His father, Jesse (1 Samuel 16:8, “The Story,” pp. 145-146)
The prophet, Samuel (1 Samuel 16:7, “The Story,” pp. 145-146)
His brother, Eliab (1 Samuel 17:28, “The Story,” pp. 148)
King Saul (1 Samuel 17:33, “The Story,” pp. 148-149)
Goliath (1 Samuel 17:41, “The Story,” pp. 149)
3. When Saul disobeyed God at the end of chapter ten (p. 142), 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. What does it mean to be a man or woman after God’s own heart based on David’s example? (see Acts 13.21-22)
4. David had to wait fourteen years between being anointed and actually sitting on the throne. Have you ever had a lengthy wait to receive something you felt God had planned for your life? What kept you hopeful during the wait?
5. In his battle with Goliath, “David ran quickly *toward* the battle line to meet him.” (pg. 149). When have you had the courage to face an impending conflict?
6. Contrast Saul’s downward trajectory and David’s upward trajectory. Where do you see the inverse of Saul in David?
7. What was the fundamental reason for David’s choice to spare Saul’s life in their encounter at En-Gedi? (p. 153) How does this choice reflect David’s view of submission, and of God?
8. In humility David offered to build a house for God, but instead God promised to build a “house” for David. What prompted David’s concern for God’s dwelling place?
9. Through no merit of his own, David received God’s grace through God’s covenant with him. (p. 159-160) What specific covenant promises did God make with David? How is this covenant with David later fulfilled in Christ? (Luke 1:32-33)
10. Identify some episodes from David’s life that demonstrate David’s clear view of God’s upper story. How were his choices influenced by that macro view?



Close in prayer.

Family’s with kids discussion points

Please use these discussion questions with your children.

Key verse: I am coming against you in the name of the Lord who rules over all.
1 Samuel 17:45

1. Goliath’s enormous size (about nine feet tall) and strength intimidated Israel’s army. Why wasn’t David afraid of this big bully?
2. Would you have been afraid?
3. Saul thought David should fight Goliath in the traditional way and dressed David in his armor. Why was that a problem?
4. How did David show faith by facing Goliath wearing his regular clothes and using rocks as weapons?
5. In King Saul’s eyes, Goliath was a massive, immovable force. What are the Goliaths in your life? In other words, what areas of your life do you need God’s power to help you overcome?
6. Are there any things in your life that mock God? Maybe you’re focused more on video games than God, or perhaps it’s the music you listen to.
7. How can you defeat these Goliaths?
8. What’s the main lesson you walk away from after reading about David’s faith and trust in God?
9. David praised God by writing psalms. How can you praise God?

Pray together: Dear God, we thank you for the stories of the Bible that show people with courage like David. Give us your strength to face things that are hard for us. Give us courage when we are afraid or when we need to stand up for what is right. Help me to be courageous each day. Amen.



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