



God doesn't always use who you might expect



## MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 1 – GOD LOOKS AT THE HEART

God rejected the \_\_\_\_\_...  
and elevated the most \_\_\_\_\_

*<sup>14</sup>But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command.*

– 1 Samuel 13:14

*<sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*

– 1 Samuel 16:7

### FIVE TRAITS OF A PERSON AFTER GOD'S HEART

#### TRAIT #1:

\_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 Samuel 12; Psalm 51)

#### KEY QUESTION #1:

What is my \_\_\_\_\_ to my own sin?

#### TRAIT #2:

\_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Samuel 15:22; Psalm 51)

#### KEY QUESTION #2:

What \_\_\_\_\_ my obedience?

#### TRAIT #3:

\_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Samuel 17)

#### KEY QUESTION #3

Do I respond with faith in God or fear when \_\_\_\_\_?

**TRAIT #4:**

\_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 78:70-72)

**KEY QUESTION #4:**

How do I \_\_\_\_\_ myself?

**TRAIT #5:**

\_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 63:1; Psalm 119)

**KEY QUESTION #5**

Am I pursuing a \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus?

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

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1. Why did Israel reject God as their King?
2. How was Saul set apart from everyone else (see 1 Samuel 10:23-24)?
3. How was David set apart from everyone else (see 1 Samuel 13:14)?
4. What does this tell us about why God chose David?
5. What is my default reaction to my own sin?
6. What motivates your obedience?
7. Do I respond with faith in God or fear when trouble comes?
8. How do you view yourself?
9. Are you pursuing a growing relationship with Jesus?
10. What is the good news about God using unlikely and imperfect people?
11. Which of the traits of a person after God's heart do you struggle with the most? Why?
12. Why is it impossible to develop a heart that is after God's own heart in your own power?