

## **David**

### **Small Group Guide**

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. Do you have a favorite band or sports team?
2. What would be the hardest food for you to live without?

**Read the following passage:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Why do you imagine David was not initially presented to Samuel?
2. What are some of the challenges David faced in his life?
3. Read 1 Samuel 16:7 again. What are some of the common ways we evaluate other people? What do you think the Lord evaluates in our hearts?
4. Other than God and your family, is there anything in your life that you would consider yourself devoted to? Explain. What are some ways we can express devotion to God?
5. David's psalms are often full of emotion. Why do you think it is important to engage God with our emotions? Do you find it easy to express emotion? Which emotions? In what contexts? Are there any emotions that you often find yourself suppressing? Explain.
6. Do you engage God with your mind? How so? Would you say that your knowledge of God and the Scriptures has progressed to the same degree that your expertise in other areas of your life has? Are there any ways you would like to grow in your understanding?
7. Read 2 Samuel 6:12-19. Modern Christian practice often downplays the importance of the body. But this is not what we find in the Scriptures. What are some ways that our bodies can be included in our devotion to God?
8. Read Romans 8:31-34. Are you convinced that God is devoted to you? Explain.
9. What is one thing you would like to do this week to help cultivate a life of devotion to God?

**Pray**