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Small Group Discussion
God's Story: [David](#)

Nov. 28 - Dec. 2

Open your group with a time of sharing and prayer. Ask God to work in each heart to make us more like David -- a man after God's own heart.

- I. When God rejected Saul's kingship over Israel he said that he would find another king, a man after God's own heart ([1 Samuel 13:14](#)). What do you think this means? What kind of man with what kind of heart? What kind of heart does God have?
- II. Read [2 Chronicles 16:9](#). According to this passage, what is God looking for in people? How can you tell if someone's heart is fully committed to God? According to [1 Samuel 16:7](#), what do we tend to see and what does God look at? Do outward appearances ever give evidence to the kind of heart someone has? Explain your answer. Notice [Luke 6:45](#); [8:10-15](#).
- III. Take a few minutes as a group and try to define exactly what the Bible refers to when it mentions "the heart". Are thoughts part of your heart? Are motives and attitudes part of your heart? Emotions? How about decisions and the will? According to the following verses, how mysterious is the heart? Read: [Jer. 17:9-10](#), [Heb. 4:12](#), [Proverbs 20:5](#), [Matthew 12:34](#), [Proverbs 4:23](#)
- IV. Finally, when we say "God changed my heart", what do we mean? What exactly changes within someone when they come to Christ? How will an internal change of heart eventually show itself on the outside? Be specific.
- V.

Take time to pray as you close your group. Ask God to reveal any unconfessed sin in your heart. Ask the Holy Spirit to change and direct the attitudes and affections of your heart in a way that will bring honor to God and influence others for his kingdom.



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Nov. 14-18

Open your group with a time of sharing and prayer. Take time to share what you are particularly thankful for this Thanksgiving.

- I. Today let's revisit the age old favorite Bible Story of David and Goliath. Begin by reading [1 Samuel 17: 1-11](#). King Saul and his army are at a standoff with the Philistines. The enemy presents their version of Hulk Hogan named Goliath. What is his challenge and how do the Israelites respond? What Goliath-sized challenges commonly invoke fear in God's people today?
- II. Read [1 Samuel 17:12-26](#). David heard and saw exactly what the rest of Saul's army saw. What was his response to Goliath's taunting? How did his faith affect his perspective? How would you reword the last part of verse 26?
- III. Read [1 Samuel 17:27-36](#). Whose reputation was David more concerned about? What had God already done for him before that battle? Personal experience often breeds confidence. Should we stand up to those in our society who defy God's reputation and glory? Explain your answer.
- IV. Read [1 Samuel 17:37-52](#). What is your favorite part of this story? Why do you suppose David chose five stones instead of just one? According to [verses 45 and 47](#), what was David's true weapon of war? What impact did his victory over Goliath have on the rest of the army? What principles for facing our own fears today can you draw from this Old Testament account?

Close your group by asking God for deeper convictions of who he really is and what he can really do in and through us when we wholeheartedly trust and honor him.