

“Raising Kids that Love the Lord”

Bible Study Discussion Questions

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1. Read 1st Samuel 16 & 17 to review these first three stories about the life of David.
2. We are taking a look at these stories from a parenting perspective. This passage calls David, "a man after God's own heart." As you reflect on that phrase, what sets David apart from everyone else that defines him as a "man after God's own heart"
Did David's father or brothers believe David could be the next king? Did David question it? Did David's father, brothers or King Saul believe David should be at the Battle or fighting Goliath? Did David ever Doubt it?
3. What indicators in these three stories do you have that suggest that putting God first (loving God) and raising kids that put God first is a better path to follow than seeking other paths of achievement.
4. Are there examples from your own experience that indicate that focusing on the heart is better than focusing on the outward appearance?
5. David's brothers and father seemed to put an excessive amount of emphasis on the outward appearance. We are not sure exactly how, or what they felt was important, but perhaps we do have a good idea what our society feels is important. Discuss some things that either you, or those around you, may over emphasize in the raising of our children that can drown out their relationship with God.
6. What do you need to cut from your life or the life of your children to make room for the development of their hearts?