



Worship Guide for July 16, 2023

Sermon Notes

Whose Kingdom?

1 Samuel 18

With the swing of a sling and the flight of a rock everything changed for Israel and David. He was no longer obscure and unknown. He was a rock star! :) Everyone loved David,.....well, almost everyone. Saul was concerned for “his” kingdom, his glory, and his power. David was concerned for God’s glory and his own duty to God’s Kingdom. We see quite a contrast in how Saul responded to David and what God was doing and how his family and all of Israel responded. David was the anointed King that God had chosen for Himself. He was “a messiah” and a deliverer for Israel. What we see is the difference between God-centered lives & a self-centered life.

1. A God-centered life is characterized by love and godly relationships – A self-centered life is characterized by hate and selfishness
2. A God-centered life demonstrates godly wisdom, a self-centered life is consumed by bitter jealousy and selfish ambition
3. A God-centered life seeks to serve and bless others – A self-centered life looks to use, manipulate, and harm others
4. A God-centered life is empowered by God’s presence and experiences God given success – A self-centered life creates enemies and is consumed by sin and fear

Applications: _____

Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom...*"

- *Colossians 3:16a*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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JULY

All Month - Elder Nominations

24-28 CentriKid Summer Camp @ Ridgecrest

27 Blood Drive (FLC) 10:30am-3pm

30 Communion

31-August 4 Be Do Tell Summer Camp @ Ft. Caswell

AUGUST

25 AHG Talent Showcase @ 6pm

25 Membership Class @ 6pm

27 Communion

28 GriefShare: Loss of Spouse @ 6:30pm

28 AHG/TLU Open Houses @ 6:30pm