



Sermon Discussion Guide - October 20, 2024
Plot Twists - David

This week, Pastor Mark shared about the young life of David. Use the following points from the sermon for discussion for your group.

1. Scripture Review

- *Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13*
- *What stands out to you in this passage?*

2. God doesn't look at the outward appearance, but looks at the heart.

- *David was the youngest of 8 brothers, left to take care of the sheep. Have you ever felt overlooked and forgotten? What challenge does being overlooked create for people?*
- *Why is "the heart" so important when it comes to assessing a person? What "heart" qualities do you think are most important?*

3. Being a shepherd helped David grow in character and responsibility.

- *Read 1 Samuel 17:34-35. What was David responsible for in this passage?*
- *What happens to a person's character when they take their responsibility seriously and put the needs of others before him/herself?*
- *What "lions or bears" are you facing in your life right now? Is there anything that is endangering you or your family's life and testing your character?*

4. The story of David and Goliath is maybe the most famous story in the bible, but David's story didn't start there.

- *Read 1 Samuel 17:1-11 and 19-26.*
- *As a shepherd, David learned to trust God, and when he did what was right in God's eyes, God protected him. How did these lessons help David defeat Goliath? Do you believe that God will protect you?*

5. God is looking at the faithfulness of your heart today.

- *What are some circumstances of the past that you need to let go of so you can focus on the faithfulness of your heart today? How can your group pray for and support you?*