

I Will Set My Heart on God!
Text: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
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Big Idea: I will set my heart on God!

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Point 1: HEAVY HEART: Receive Hope! (vv. 1-4a)

Question #5

"Before seeing man with a heart for God, we see a God who has a heart for a man!"

- a) **Rd. vv. 1-4:** How does knowing that God has a heart for man, give us hope?
- b) What does living out this hope look like in the situations you are facing right now that have led to a heavy heart? Support with Scripture.

Point 2: CONFUSED HEART: Receive Wisdom! (vv. 4b-12)

"You and I both have limited points of view. We have limited experience, limited understanding, limited knowledge, and we make mistakes...But GOD is not limited as we are limited."-John Woodhouse

Question #6

- a) **Rd. vv. 6-12:** What characteristics was Samuel looking for in the next King of Israel?
- b) What characteristics was God looking for?
- c) Which characteristics are you most likely to use? Why?
- d) What is the danger of thinking our limited understanding is the whole picture?

Question #7

- a) Discuss, with support from Scripture, what it means to be a man/woman after God's heart.
- b) How does the gospel empower us to increasingly be after God's heart?
- c) Spend time as a group in prayer for hearts that go hard after the Lord.

Point 3: HUMBLE HEART: Receive Courage! (vv. 11-13)

Question #8

- a) Rd vv. 11-13: Where was David when God called him?
- b) How do we know that David's heart was humble before the Lord?
- c) Why was God's choice unexpected?
- d) What areas do you struggle to walk in humility before the Lord? Why those?
- e) What fruit(s) become evident when you are walking in pride in those situations?
- f) What are you thinking in those moments?
- g) What is it that you really want?

Question #9

Recall: The Old Testament points to Jesus, and the New Testament reveals Him.

Discuss how does the life of David point to the life of Jesus?

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) REVERENCE before God: Jesus, you are_____.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Confess & repent of areas that are not after God's heart.
- c) THANKSGIVING to God: Jesus, thank Your heart for me as shown through_____.
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Jesus, please strengthen my heart for you in_____.

Memory Verse:

"...For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."-1 Samuel 16: 7b