

# STRONGMEN AND Legacy Makers

## The Making of a Man of God! ...1Samuel 16

"But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him (David's brother). **For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.**" ...1Samuel 16:7 (ESV)

### Words of Wisdom

- "There comes a moment when we all must realize that life is short, and in the end the only thing that really counts is not how others see us, but how God sees us." ~ Billy Graham
- "God sees us perfect in His Son while He disciplines and chastens and purges us that we may be partakers of His holiness." ~ A.W. Tozer
- "There are times in our Christian life when we cannot see beyond the next step and we have to trust God" ~ Alistair Begg

### 1. God's Standard for Character...Who He Calls

◆ A Matter of the Heart

Scripture: 1Samuel 16:1-13, 1Samuel 13:14, 1Corinthians 1:26-29, Ephesians 2:8-10

◆ God See's You, Knows You, and the Choices You Make... (Graham Quote)

- Psalm 139
- John 10:27-29

◆ God Sharpens and Refines us...He Makes All Things New (Tozer Quote)

- Proverbs 3:11-12 / Psalm 103:8-13
- 2Corinthians 5:17
- Isaiah 43:18-19

◆ Characteristics & Qualities of a Man of God...

- Spirituality
- Humility
- Integrity

### 2. God's Training Program...for David....for You!

◆ Trusting Him Completely... (Begg Quote)

- Solitude
- Monotony
- Obscurity
- Reality

## Group Discussion

1. Last week we talked about "A Man of God's Response to Opposition", as we learned how Mordecai dealt with a very difficult situation, and yet in a manner that God worked through him in a very significant and powerful way. Through this discussion the question was asked of you, "**What has been your own "such a time as this" moment in your life?"**", referencing Esther 4:13-14.

How have you applied the things you learned and/or discussed last week, and what have been some of the noticeable results? ...Give Examples

2. Would you describe the David, during this time in his life, as a "**StrongMan**" or a "**Legacy Maker**"?

- What is it about him that stands out to you...for the good or the bad?
- Is there anything in his story/life that you relate to?
- What can you learn from his life...whether it's "what to do" or "what not to do"?

3. What do you think the Lord see's when He looks at your heart?

4. What is Godly character...and how do we effectively cultivate it in our lives? ...be specific!

5. What did you hear or learn from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

## Prayer

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

*(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)*

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

*Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)