

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Do you see yourself as a person after God's own heart? What things can you commit to do to know God's heart more?

2. Is God calling you to do something that challenges you out of your comfort zone? Are you willing to answer this call to be a leader?

3. Do you need God's grace right now over a specific situation? Ask a trusted friend from your group to pray with you as you ask God to intervene in your situation.

PRAYER

On the space provided below, record prayer requests and answers to prayer.



David as a Leader

WARM-UP

1. What are your best friend's likes and dislikes? How did you come to find these out?

2. What was the most challenging task that you have volunteered for? Why did you do it?

WORD

¹¹So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."¹²So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one."

I Samuel 16:11,12

And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

Psalm 78:72

Though he made mistakes, David is one of the great leaders in the Bible. When he faced the giant Goliath, his leadership was evident and he brought honor to God. Here are three qualities that helped David become a great leader.

1. David's heart

...The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

I Samuel 16:7

David is called "a man after God's own heart." Even as a shepherd boy, he knew God's heart and followed Him. David brought this close relationship with God when he became king. How does one become a person after God's own heart?

2. David's response

²⁶...Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" ...³²David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

I Samuel 17:26,32

³⁸But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."³⁹But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

Hebrews 10:38,39

Goliath intimidated the whole Israelite army but David bravely volunteered to fight him. It took him a lot of faith and courage, but a true leader responds this way during a crisis. Share a time when you took the lead even when you were afraid. What gave you the courage to do it?

3. David's support

⁴⁵David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty ...⁴⁷for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give all of you into our hands."

I Samuel 17:45,47

Though experienced in fighting to protect his flock, David knew that he could not defeat Goliath on his own. But he bravely faced the giant knowing that God will fight the battle for him. Tell of a time when God helped you through a difficult situation.
