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KING DAVID

A Heart *After* God

BIBLE STUDY WORKBOOK

SESSION 1

GOD LOOKS AT THE HEART

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Everything

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Memory Verse

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Primary Scriptures

- 1 Samuel 13:13–14
- 1 Samuel 16:1–13

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 78:70–72
- Psalm 23

Big Idea: God evaluates people differently than the world does. While others focus on appearance, accomplishments, and status, God examines the heart.

"God developed David's character in the pasture before He entrusted him with the palace."

Historical & Biblical Context

Why Saul Was Rejected

Saul appeared impressive on the outside, yet repeatedly chose public approval over wholehearted obedience to God.

Key Takeaway

The Danger in Bethlehem

Samuel feared Saul's reaction, yet obedience required courage and trust in God's instruction.

Key Takeaway

The Biblical Meaning of the Heart

- ☐ Thoughts
- ☐ Motives
- ☐ Character
- ☐ Desires
- ☐ Allegiance
- ☐ Will

Reflection: What most influences my decisions when nobody is watching?