GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

DAVID: The Making of a King

Week 2: The Musical Prodigy

1 Samuel 16:14-23

Week of February 27, 2022 (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Our study revealed that David enjoyed tremendous musical abilities. Not only could he play the lyre, but he also wrote some of the greatest praise songs of all time. We learned priceless lessons about praise from David, the master of praise.

Kicking it off:

Jeff started the sermon by demonstrating his remarkable ability at playing the lyre. © Did you ever take lessons on an instrument? Tell the group about what you played.

Discussion:

1. Reread 1 Samuel 16:23. When do you listen to music? How does music affect you emotionally?

Whenever the evil spirit came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

2. Reread Psalm 145:7. How does this verse help us understand the essence of praise?

They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

3. Read this quote of C.S. Lewis. How does this quote help us praise God?

"The most obvious fact about praise strangely escaped me. I had never noticed that all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise. The world rings with praise – lovers praising their beloved, readers their favorite poet, walkers praising the countryside, athletes praising their favorite game – praise of weather, wines, dishes, actors, cars, colleges, heroes, children, flowers, and mountains."

4. Reread Psalm 145:3. How does our knowledge of God's nature effect our capacity to praise?

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

- 5. Can you remember a time that worship/praise helped you sense the presence of God? If so, tell the group about it.
- 6. How would you coach a young believer who is looking for advice on how to make praise more meaningful?
- 7. Read the following quote of C.S. Lewis. How does this quote help us look forward to heaven?

"The more worthy the object, the more intense the delight. If it were possible for us to fully appreciate the Most Worthy Object of all, and simultaneously to give this delight perfect expression, then we would experience supreme bliss."

Wrapping It Up:

Pray that God would help you grow profoundly in praising the Lord.