

## **WEEK 4: RESTORATION**

## Small Group Discussion Guide // February 18, 2018

- 1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that you heard for the first time or that challenged, intrigued, surprised, bothered, or confused you?
- 2. Pastor Leon began by explaining how God sent His prophet Samuel to anoint a new king from the family of a guy named Jesse. God tells Samuel that He will let him know which of of Jesse's sons to anoint, and it turns out that God chooses the youngest and most insignificant of Jesse's sons: David. Read **1 Samuel 16:1-12.**What do these verses tell us about God's character? What did He consider important?
- 3. One of the first times we see David in action is when he faces off with Goliath. Again, we see that David is the least of the men on the scene and yet he seems to be the only one willing to stand up to the giant. Read 1 Samuel 17:32-37 & 45-48. How did God prepare David for his battle with Goliath? What was the difference between David and all of Saul's army? Have you seen God prepare people around you for battles they didn't see coming?
- 4. Saul's jealousy toward David led him toward growing resentment toward David. Eventually, he sought to kill David. Read 1 Samuel 19:8-10. How did David respond to Saul's attack? How would you have responded? How do you honor the covenant of holy living when people are tearing you down?
- 5. Despite knowing what the entirety of David's life would look like with its ups and downs, God still made a covenant with him. He does the same for us. Where have you seen God remain faithful to His promises in your own life even when you weren't?
- 6. Throughout Scripture we see God working to draw people back to Himself. He is restoring what has been broken.
  Are there areas of your life which need restoration? Is it difficult to trust that restoration is possible?
- 7. As you consider this week's teaching and our study together, what is one thing you need to remember or act on this week? How can you keep yourself accountable to act on it?

