

Women's Bible Study 2005/06

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Nine: 1 Samuel 16–18:4

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1. Why do you think Samuel feared for his life in verse 2?

2. In verse 7, God teaches Samuel that man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. With this truth in mind, answer the following (be very honest):
 - a) How much time each day do you spend enhancing your outward appearance (make-up, work-outs, etc.)?
 - b) How much time each day do you spend developing your spiritual heart (Bible study, prayer, confession, etc.)?
 - c) When you meet someone new, how do you go about finding out what their heart is like?
 - d) How important is someone's physical appearance to you?
 - e) Name one person (don't harm anyone's reputation) whom you didn't approach because of their physical appearance, but later you were impressed by their heart.

3.
 - a) What do you think it means in verse 14 that "an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him"?
 - b) Does God send evil spirits upon people? Look up James 1:13-14 to help you with your answer.

4. From 1 Samuel 16 and 17, describe David's physical appearance and inner character. Give all the verses to back up your answers.

5. Based upon the opening scene of 17:1–11, what was the spiritual state of King Saul and Israel?

6. Why do you think Eliab, David's brother, was burning with anger towards David in verse 17:28?

7. It states in verses 17:34–35 that David had killed a lion and a bear. This gives us a glimpse of shepherding in that day.
 - a) What does this teach you about David's young life?

 - b) Who does David credit for his victories?

 - c) Where do you have dangerous arenas in your life?

 - d) How do you battle your dangers?

8. Why do you think David didn't use Saul's armor?

9. Prove from 1 Samuel 17 that David had confidence in God. There are several different scenes that expose his confidence — explain the specific situation and verses.

Going deeper:

10. a) Why do you think Jonathan had such a deep love for David described in verses 18:1–4?
 - b) What does Jonathan's giving to David all of his personal items symbolize to you?

 - c) Who do you love as yourself and what do you give to them that comes from you personally?