



## Sunday 15th May 2016

David - A man after God's own heart

David wasn't the obvious choice for next King of Israel – his own father didn't even include his youngest son in the line-up before Samuel. David didn't come from a perfect family, and he wasn't the tallest and most good looking in the land.

BUT, God chose him. While Saul was distracted by lesser things and his appearance before man, David was called by God 'A man after my own heart' (Acts 13:22).

1. What does our culture say is of most worth and value?
2. How do you see that in yourself?

Tim reminded us our culture is defined by focussing on lesser things - relationships, work, acquiring 'stuff', which aren't inherently bad.. but these things can distract us from the most important thing about being a person.

3. Are you distracted by lesser things?
4. When is it easy to be focussed on pursuing what God wants you to do?
5. When is it difficult to be focussed on pursuing what God wants you to do?

Tim said the most important thing about being a person is that we are created and loved by God, and that there is a life beyond the physical life (hope). While our culture lacks hope, we have hope to share.

6. Why does our culture lack hope?
7. Do you see yourself as a beloved child of God who has a specific purpose for your life?
8. How do you share God's hope with the world around you?

David made some big mistakes, but in God he found full acceptance, love and forgiveness. That hope is available to us today. God sees down into our heart – he knows our motives and desires. He saw in David a man who wanted what God wanted.

9. When you look at your heart, what do you see?
10. When God looks at your heart, what does he see?

Read Psalm 33 – this is a great reminder of where our hope truly rests.

