



# LIFE GROUP GUIDE

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**What's Happening:** [Easter Gathering Times](#), [Baptism Class](#), [Serve at VBS \(Summerpalooza\)](#), [Cultivate Commitment](#), [Local Missions/Serve Opportunities](#), [Grief Share & Kid's Grief Group](#), [Men's Breakfast](#)

**Resources:** ['God Made Me Do It!' Why Did God Tempt Saul With an Evil Spirit?](#), [The Problem of Evil is a Problem for Everyone](#), [Living on Purpose Sermon](#), [Living on Purpose Venn Diagram](#), [Seder Supper \(Week of Easter\)](#),

**Connect (30 Mins):** Last week we talked through time alone with God. How was your time with the Lord this last week? Time in His word? Prayer? Follow up on prayer requests shared prior if needed.

**Discuss (30 Mins): 1 Samuel 16:14-23**

- What stood out to you during this week's message (observations/questions/reflections)?
- **Read 1 Samuel 16:14.** The greatest example in Scripture of God working through evil to accomplish good is the cross. Jesus' crucifixion was the most unjust and evil act in history, yet God used it to bring about the salvation of the world. How does the truth that God used this great evil to accomplish the greatest good shape the way we trust Him in times of our own suffering or when we don't understand what He is doing?
- Even in God's judgment on Saul, God brings David into Saul's life to provide relief and comfort through music. What does this show us about God's character, and how have you seen God provide help or relief during a difficult season in your life?
- David had a good and godly reputation amongst others. When you consider how the people closest to you—including those who don't share your faith—experience your character, where might God be inviting you to grow?

**For Further Study:**

- Genesis 50:20, Proverbs 12:16, Proverbs 12:18, Proverbs 21:23, Proverbs 22:1, Proverbs 25:15, Ecclesiastes 7:1, Isaiah 45:6-7, Lamentations 3:37-38, John 9:2-3, James 1:13

**Apply (30 Mins): Living on Purpose**

David didn't suddenly become the kind of person described in 1 Samuel 16:18. Through ordinary seasons of life—shepherding sheep, practicing music, facing danger, and learning to walk closely with God—his character and abilities were formed over time. Those experiences became part of how God prepared him for what lay ahead. God didn't waste any part of David's life, and He doesn't waste any part of ours either.

- **Looking back over your life, both the good moments and the difficult ones, where have you seen God shaping or preparing you for His purposes?**

God has brought you to where you are now for a reason, ultimately for His glory and your good (Romans 8:28). As His workmanship (Ephesians 2:10), He gives each of us unique passions, experiences, abilities, personalities, and spiritual gifts so that we would use them to glorify Him.

*This week*, take some time to fill out the different areas on this [Venn diagram](#). Set aside about 30 minutes or more to think through each area and consider how God has uniquely gifted you. You may also want to ask two or three people who know you well what they believe are two or three of your greatest gifts. Then bring all of this before God in prayer, asking: **Where has the Lord placed you today, and how might He be inviting you to use what He has given you for His glory and the good of others?**

Come prepared to share your experience with the group at your next meeting, including any ways you may sense God inviting you to use these gifts to serve others.

**Next Week's passage:** 1 Samuel 17