

Main Idea: This week we start a new series called “Chasing God - Lessons from the life of David”. Despite David’s mistakes, the Bible tells us he was a man after God’s own heart. In this series, we will take a look at David’s life to learn how we too can be people who chase after the heart of our Father.

Opening Discussion: What does it mean to look at someone’s heart? What’s an example of a time you saw someone’s heart?

Read: Acts 13:21-23

1. What did God testify about David?

- a. David was a man after His own heart.
- b. David will do everything God wanted him to do.

2. God knew David as a man after His own heart. What are some examples of having a heart after God?

- a. *Answers will vary*
- b. Being someone that wants to know what God wants.
- c. Being someone that believes in what God says.
- d. Being someone that does what God wants.

3. David was known by God as a man of obedience; “He will do whatever I ask of him”. What are some examples in your life where you have become obedient to the things God has asked of you?

- a. *Answers will vary*
- b. *Suggested Answers*
 - i. Faith Response: Believing, Confessing, Repenting, Being Baptized
 - ii. Faithful Response: Learning, Applying, Growing, Sharing, Serving, Giving

4. David was also known for messing up. We too have messed up and sinned against God. Read these scriptures below and discuss how God’s Word leads us to God’s Heart.

- a. Hebrews 4:12-13 | God’s Word leads us to know God’s Heart.
- b. Acts 3:19 | God’s Word leads us to repentance and turning to Him.
- c. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 | God’s Word leads us to do what is right for Him.

5. In light of what you've heard from the message and today's discussion, what changes do you think God wants you to make in your heart to have His heart?

- a. Answers will vary*
- b. Look for answers of obedience toward God*
- c. Pray for one another*

Next Steps: *These questions are designed to help you move towards action. With this week's message of obedience in mind:*

- 1. How can we **CONNECT** to God, His Church, and each other?**
- 2. How can we **GROW** more in our faith in God, His Word and in His Church?**
- 3. How can we **GO** love, serve, and help others?**