

# MESSAGE NOTES

**DATE** MAY 24, 2020

**MESSAGE:** *Taking the Next Steps*

**TEXT:** 1 Samuel 16 and 17

Believing in God \_\_\_\_\_ all aspects of who we are and how we live.

It is your responsibility to be in \_\_\_\_\_ with God as you seek out what it means for you to live out your faith.

The first step we are going to start with today is \_\_\_\_\_.

- David sought out God's guidance \_\_\_\_\_ so when hard times came his way, he was already in God's presence and he was \_\_\_\_\_.

The second step we can take is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Being obedient to God does not mean to be \_\_\_\_\_ by God.
- When we are filled with the \_\_\_\_\_ we work along with It to be obedient to God's will.

This is not a time of \_\_\_\_\_ for God, and that gives us tremendous hope for the future.

God \_\_\_\_\_ you and when you \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of salvation, the power of the Holy Spirit entered your life as well.

We have been \_\_\_\_\_ for this for a long time, we just didn't know what we were preparing for.

Are you going to pick up as though it never happened or are you going to be purposeful in what God is developing in you right now?



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**Big Idea:** Living out faith through obedience and trust.

### **Getting Started**

Who do you think of as an example of someone who lives out their faith?

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What does it look like to truly believe the words of the Apostles' Creed?
2. Discuss different ways you can be in communication with God.
3. How does spending time with God prepare you for difficult situations?
4. Where do you place your trust?
5. Discuss the difference between being obedient to God and being controlled by God.
6. Share a time when God was unexpectedly preparing you for something.
7. When have you been faithful in obedience and trust even when you didn't understand, like, or agree with the situation?

**Going Deeper:** Read 1 Samuel 16 -17 and using David as an example, begin to reflect on the ways God is preparing you for the future.

### **Pray Together**

Lord, thank you for your never-ending mercy and grace, especially when we are struggling with life's circumstances. Help us seek your will in everything we say and do by being purposeful in spending time with you and in your Word. Thank you for sending us your Son, Jesus Christ and for giving us so much strength through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen!