Life Group Questions For the week of 05.01.16 Series: The 60's

REVIEW: Read I Samuel 17:32-40 Was there anything from Sunday or the text that you would like to comment on or had a question about?

- 1. The teaching was about being ourselves. About knowing what gifts and abilities God has endowed us with and then using them. Please write out 3 gifts or abilities (And when it comes to abilities we all have many) you have and share with your Life Group how you are currently utilizing one of them in your life. This question might take some pre-thought if you've never thought about it before.
- 2. Very quickly, why is it difficult in our society for people to "be themselves?"
- 3. I Samuel 17:38 King Saul puts his armor on teenage David. Now read I Samuel 9:2. Now how many problems can you see and would arise in battle by David using the King's armor? And how can that relate to our lives today?
- 4. Now let's think in reverse. If David would have gone to battle in that armor it would have been a disaster. It was wise to stay away from that armor. With that said, what are some things you have learned that you are absolutely no good at and need to not try? Explain (This is about knowing your limitations)

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1.Bonus Jeopardy question. This is optional but I hope you attempt it. Read I Samuel 17:49. David uses a sling to kill the giant. You never read that David uses the sling again but you do read that he uses a sword in battle. Now think, his gift is leadership, one of his abilities within his gift is the sling. Why do you think he moves to a sword from a sling and how can you apply this to your life?

- 2. Read Psalm 139:14 Pastor Jim said that Fearfully means "to honor." And Wonderfully means "to put a difference." Put it together and we see that all of us have value and are unique creations of God…but then Jim added in Psalm 139:1 that the word "search means to dig." God digs us…God digs you!! Be honest, if it is difficult for you to believe that God digs you…why is that?
- 3. How do the following verses help us who are valued and unique creations of God believe that God does really dig us:

Matthew 6:26

Jeremiah 1:5

I Peter 4:10

4. It is important to be who God made us to be. If we develop our gifts and abilities along with character, we will be successful. Remember talent will get us to the top but character will keep us there. Now I want you to look at two verses, I Samuel 17:38 and I Samuel 17:40, in these two verses you find the secret to being you or being what others want you to be...can you find it?

TAKING IT HOME: What is one thing from tonight that you need to take home with you and begin to believe and practice?

PRAYER REQUESTS: