Waiting on God Week 2

Warm-up: Have you had a time in your life where you felt called to do something different with your life? What sort of change was it? How did you react? Did it eventually happen?

THE CALL

READ: 1 Sam 16: 1-13

Q1: Why do you think God rejected the other brothers? Why did He choose David (see also 1 Sam 16:18)?

Q2: Do you think that God calls each of us to a particular ministry? Share any experiences you have had with the group?

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Q3: Despite this anointing as King, what did David go back to doing? 1 Sam 17:15

Q4: How do you think David would have coped with this period when there seemed to be no sign of God making him king? What had David learned during this time of waiting and what attitudes did David display that pleased God? (1 Sam 17:32-37, 45)?

Sometimes we get tested about our calling and, for David, the first test was Goliath.

Q5: What other tests did David go through? 1 Sam 18:10-11, 19:1, 11-12. How did God protect him?

Q6: How can we know that the way we have chosen is God's will? What does God expect us to do in the waiting time?

Q7: When you look back on your life, in what ways have you seen God preparing you for the next challenge? (think about developing your gifts, experiences or character).

THE MOMENT

When the moment comes, we need to say yes to God. We may not know where it is all going but we need to trust God. This can be a recurring experience in our lives – not just a one-off.

Q8: Why can we trust God at those points? Jer 29:11-13. Isaiah 59:12

Q9: What is God doing in your life at the moment? Is there some area where God is calling you to step out in faith? What has God given you to make this possible?