

## **“God Stories” – June 29nd “A Distinctive Mark”**

**Big Idea:** The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the Heart! (I Samuel 16:7)

Do you know greatness when you see it? It is obvious when you hear a skilled musician or view a beautiful painting we are witnessing greatness. The question of the day is: Does God view greatness in the same way? If you look at the Big Idea it is clear that God views things differently than we do. God sees the Heart. For those of us who have attended church for a long time have heard that before, but it might be a challenge to distinguish what that “Heart” is. David was a “great” man in many ways as he skilled in numerous areas but his distinguishing mark was his “Heart.” This lesson will hopefully encourage us to make the distinguishing mark of our lives the very Heart of God.

**Open It:** Who is the most impressive athlete, artist or musician you have ever witnessed? What made them great?

### **Dig It:**

#### **Read I Samuel 16:1-13**

Why do you think Jesse did not even bring David to the meeting with Samuel?  
How do you think the other brothers reacted to this event?

#### **Read II Samuel 6:12-22**

Contrast the response of David to the ark entering the city with Michal’s response.  
What is the reason David gives for His Celebration? (vs. 20-22)

**Read Psalm 23:** In this famous Psalm identify characteristics of a heart full of passion and stubborn love.

### **Reflect on It:**

1. Truthfully, what is the distinguishing mark of your life?
2. What would Heartlands look like if a Heart of Passion and Stubborn Love was our distinguishing mark?

### **Do It:**

1. How can we encourage each other to be people after God’s own Heart?

