

August 4 – 10

Never Heard That | David's Mighty Men

Icebreaker: What is something you are really good at? Are you aware of people who are better than you at that thing? How does it make you feel to know there are people out there better than you?

In this passage we will consider how God doesn't need us to be the very best to use us to accomplish his purposes.

Background

Read 2 Samuel 23:18-19

This passage is an account of a legendary group of special forces fighters who were fiercely loyal to David, protected him as he ran from King Saul, and ultimately helped secure his kingdom.

They were divided into "The Three" most elite and "The Thirty". We want to focus on one of The Thirty, the one who led that group: Abishai

Discussion

- Summarize what you know about David's relationship with King Saul.
 - How did it start?
 - Why did Saul want to kill David?
- Read 1 Samuel 22:2.
 - What do you notice about the men who joined David?
 - Why are they an unusual group in a story like David's?
- Have group members look up the following passages about Abishai.
(1) 1 Samuel 26:6-12, (2) 2 Samuel 3:30, (3) 16:9, (4) 18:2, (5) 21:15-17
 - What do you learn about this man?
 - What were his strengths? Weaknesses?
 - What did David owe to Abishai?
- Re-read 2 Samuel 23:18-19.
 - How would you compare Abishai with the other men listed in this passage?
 - What does his relative position tell you about who God chooses to use to fulfill his purposes?
- Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 - Who does God choose? Why?
 - Why do we ultimately have no reason to boast?

Application

- Why do we desire to boast about ourselves before others? Why is boasting so dangerous to us?
- What does it look like to boast in the Lord?
- How can we build contentment in being a vessel for the Lord's work, even if it means never being seen as amazing in the eyes of the world?