

See the Cause Life Group Questions

Warm up: What was your first job? (The place where you received your first official paycheck?)

1. This equation was given at the beginning of the sermon:

A God-Given Cause + A Tribe = Being Different

Define a God-given cause. Define a tribe. Why is adding these two things together equal to being different in today's world?

2. Read 1 Samuel 20:1-4, 12-17. Political and social protocol made Jonathan the next king of Israel, but God had another plan. His name was David. This passage reveals that Jonathan accepted God's plan even though it cost him personally. Jonathan could see the God-given cause of David becoming the next king and he joined David's tribe to help accomplish that cause. What traits would a person need to possess to accept a God-given cause and join the tribe to fulfill that cause? What traits are needed to do this when the cost is personal success?

3. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. According to these verses, what are the benefits of being part of a tribe? Share a time when you experienced the benefits described in these verses.

4. Some of the anonymous men of 1 Samuel 22:1-2 became the mighty warriors and elite soldiers named in 2 Samuel 23:8-23. When these men joined David, the Bible describes them as "men who were in trouble or in debt or who were just discontented." David became their captain. How do you think David felt about these men being drawn to him? (Hint: Read Psalm 57) How do we know that these men bound themselves to David and that David eventually bound himself to them?

5. It took years, but David eventually became King of Israel. He did kill Goliath, but a tribe that defeated many more enemies surrounded him. The same holds true for us. We may kill a giant in our life, but to fulfill God's purpose we will need a tribe so that our collective victories can pave the way for God's plan being fulfilled on earth. Do you consider yourself to be a part of tribe that is chasing a God-given cause? If so, briefly explain how you got there and how you discovered the God-given cause. If not, briefly explain why you think this has not yet happened for you.