



→ **Lesson 4, 1 Samuel 16**

From the past studies, what characteristics have you learned about Saul and Samuel?

Describe a time where there were many unknowns in your life? How did you process the situation? Did you call out to God for wisdom?

When do you have the most trouble genuinely trusting of God (i.e. when hurting, scared, etc.?)

**Read 1 Samuel 16.**

Based on what you have learned about Saul and now David, can you identify contrasts in the text regarding Saul & David (one example v. 13-14)?

Why would God encourage Samuel to reveal only part of his intentions when heading to Bethlehem (v.1-3)?

Do you simply “try harder” to trust God or actually ask God in prayer for help in trusting him?

Do you go to God first or to people first when you need to trust God with a situation?

Describe the resume and experience David brings for this job? Use some of the descriptive words in the text for your answer. (Notice how many times in the text God's actions are recorded toward David (**hint**: look for "chosen", "anointed", & v. 1 "provided for myself")

Why does Saul value David (I Samuel 16:20-23) and others (I Samuel 14:52)?

It can be healthy to value people for how they add to your life, but unhealthy if you only value people for what they can do for you or give to you. Can you identify any relationships in your life that you value for the wrong reasons? (Would that person still be a "friend" if they could not do what they do for you?)

What can you do to turn this relationship into one that honors the Lord?

Read Verses 14-23 Can God use evil (although do no evil himself) to sovereignly bring about his purposes?

Did God sovereignly use people behaving in evil ways to crucify Christ to bring about Salvation through Him (Matt: 27:24-26, Mark 8:31-33, John 14:6) ?

When Saul's servants sought help for him, is there any indication that they were seeking help of a spiritual nature (v. 15, 18)?

When you see others in need of help do you help them seek the Lord & return to the power of the gospel or do you help them seek man made assistance?

What can you see in the text that the servants use as reasoning for David's invitation to serve the King? (Read v. 14-18)

What are some of the struggles we face living out our identity in Christ (Work, social or night life, dating relationship, or marriage)?

Are there areas that you can ask people from your small group to hold you accountable based on where you may be struggling to live out your identity in Christ?

What is one specific application of this text and study to your life?

Close in prayer. Pray for the needs in the group and for application of this text in our lives.



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