

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (1/12/2025)

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ 1 Samuel 16:1-13

1. How important is “personal character” to you, as you consider those who serve as Leaders in our Country, State, Community? (Discuss)

How about Spiritual Leadership? Is this different for you? Why? How so?

2. At the beginning of this passage, Samuel seems to be “grieving over Saul”. Saul is the current King of Israel... but God has “moved on” from Saul. What do you think is behind Samuel’s “grieving”?
3. In Verses 6 & 7, what do we learn about the difference(s) between what we (humans) tend to look for in our leaders, and what God looks for?

4. It doesn't seem that David was "unattractive"... but what about him likely caused his father to not even think of bringing him before Samuel?

5. This might require some speculation... But why do you think God is selecting David to be the next King?

6. It's natural for us to assume that there is something about David that God sees as "virtuous", that is the reason that David is chosen. What do you think about the possibility that there is nothing about David that is "impressive" to God (or to people), and that THAT could be the reason that he is chosen?

7. How does **1 Corinthians 1:26-31** shed some light on the type of people that God chooses to accomplish His purposes?

8. How has this passage (and this discussion) impacted your thinking about yourself, particularly as it relates to pride and humility?