

David Series Week 1

Discussion Guide



Icebreaker

Have you ever made a quick judgment about someone based on their appearance – or felt like someone did that to you? What happened?

Read

Take turns reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Discuss

- **Why do you think Samuel was drawn to Eliab right away (vs. 6-7)?**
- **What does this reveal about human nature?**

God says, "...people judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (vs. 7).

- **What do you think God is really looking for in someone's heart?**
- **Are there any false fronts you're holding onto to keep others (or God) from seeing your heart? (ex. people pleasing, spiritual performance, busyness, etc.)**

In verse 11 we realize that David isn't even invited to the gathering at first.

- **What does this say about how others viewed him compared to how God saw him?**
- **Has there been a time when you felt overlooked, but God still worked powerfully through that situation?**

David's time tending to sheep, a boring and faithful job, was actually preparing him to lead a nation.

- **In what ways may God be using your current "ordinary" routine or responsibilities to prepare you for something bigger?**

David's anointing wasn't just about appointing a new king. It was a prophetic act that pointed ahead to Jesus, our true King and Savior. God's choice of David, an overlooked shepherd, reminds us that He often works through the "unlikely hero" to accomplish eternal purposes.

- **In what ways does this help you trust that God is still working in your life and in the world, even when the fulfillment isn't immediate?**

Application

David was faithful in the quiet spaces as a shepherd long before he was anointed king. He learned to listen to God, trust Him, and worship Him when no one was watching.

- **What would it look like for you to set aside intentional "shepherd time", a quiet place to be with God?**
- **What would it look like to Give God access to your heart?**

Prayer

Spend time in prayer for a heart that is open to God and faithful in the ordinary places He is preparing you.