

DAVID, THE CHOSEN ONE

1 Samuel 16:1-14

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This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they live and learn together each week. The sermons and guides can be found at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Pastor Pat began his message by talking about what might be written on David's gravestone, if we were to find it one day: *David - the man after God's own heart*. Given the stories you might have heard about David, what would you have expected to be the summary of his life?
- If you could choose, what do you think you would want on your own gravestone to sum up your life?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat pointed us to the heart of David, and encouraged us to remember four heart lessons.**

Context:

- **1 Samuel 16 tells the story of David's anointing by the Prophet Samuel.**
 - There are several characters introduced in verses 1-14. As a group, highlight the characters and briefly talk about what you know about each one.
 - A key idea in this passage is the contrast between "provided/chosen" and "rejected". How does the fact that God chooses shape your understanding of Who He is?
 - The story of David reminds us that no one leads forever. God replaces those in authority - either due to their failure, or simply because their time of leading in a particular area has come to an end. If you're personally in a position of leadership, what are you currently doing to develop the next generation of leaders?

Heart Lessons:

- 1. Obedience doesn't require omniscience (1 Samuel 16:1b)**
 - Samuel obeyed God without much information. Sometimes, we hesitate to obey because we don't know what the results will be. Read Psalm 119:105 and talk about how this passage helps in moments of hesitation.
 - In Hebrews 11:8, we read, "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going." Have you ever been in a situation where you obeyed by faith, without knowing where that obedience would lead? What happened? Talk about it with your group.
- 2. What the family rejects the Father receives**
 - Often, when God chooses someone to live for Him, that individual will be rejected by loved ones. How might you encourage a new Christ-follower who has been ostracized from friends and family after being born again? Has this ever happened to you personally?
- 3. The Spirit desires to empower what demons wish to devour (1 Samuel 16:13-14)**
 - One of our Saylorville Core Values is Worship: *We Surrender the Moment*. David's heart would be surrendered to God, while Saul was surrendered to himself. What is your heart surrendered to? What might your schedule, your budget, your priorities point to as the object of your worship?
- 4. God measures the internals not the externals (1 Samuel 16:7)**
 - Read verse 7 in several Bible translations. How would you describe your reaction to this verse?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Read Psalm 4:3 and then put the passage into a prayer to pray out loud with your group.

