

## Reflection and Discussion

Sermon Series	Pursuit
Sermon Title	When God Calls Your Name
Bible Texts	1 Samuel 16:1-13
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### CONNECT – Getting to know one another

- Question 1: What qualities do people often look for when choosing someone for a position of leadership? What qualities do you think God looks for?
- Question 2: Have you ever felt called by God to pursue something in general (maybe a career) or something specific (perhaps providing help or encouragement when there is a need)? What made you believe it was God prompting you?

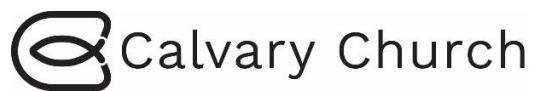
### EQUIP – Understanding God's word

#### Some background—1 Samuel 15:16-26

- Question 3: How had Saul failed as King of Israel? What contrast do you find in Samuel's response to God in 1 Samuel 16:1-4?

#### Our story—1 Samuel 16:1-13

- Question 4: Besides David, who else heard and heeded the call of God in 1 Samuel 16:1-13?
- Question 5: Why might Samuel assume that Jesse's oldest son, Eliab, would be the Lord's choice for king? What similarities do you find in the expectations we use today to judge a person's competence for leadership?
- Question 6: Do you see any significance to the fact that Jesse did not bother to have David present when he and the 7 other sons were consecrated (16:5) or when the 7 older sons passed before Samuel (16:10)?
- Question 7: Why did David seem like an unlikely candidate to serve as the king of Israel?
- Question 8: What did God value when he chose the future king?
- Question 9: In 16:7 God tells Samuel that he, God, does not look at the outward appearance but at the heart. Why then do you think David's appearance is mentioned in 16:12?
- Question 10: According to 16:13, how did God equip David for the future responsibilities and challenges he would face?
- Question 11: How might David's position as the youngest son and a shepherd help form his character?
- Question 12: David was a shepherd and Jesus is our Good Shepherd. What thoughts do you have about that? (See also 2 Samuel 7:8 and Psalm 78:70-72.)



Question 13: Saul anointed David in front of his older brothers and “from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power.” Neither David’s nor his brothers’ reactions are recorded. What do you imagine they were thinking?

Question 14: God chose to anoint David as king over Israel, but he did not actually become the king of Judah and Israel until he was 30 years old. Why do you think David did not immediately begin to rule when Samuel anointed him?

#### DISCIPLESHIP – Becoming and doing

Question 15: How might your actions and attitudes change if you made it a habit to reflect every day on 1 Samuel 16:7?

Question 16: How can we be prepared to hear and respond to the call of God?