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Sermon Discussion Questions
Sunday, April 27, 2025

Heart for His People ~ 1 Samuel 16: 1-13
Pastor Clay Smith

- **Hope Beyond Grief:**
  Samuel was grieving the failure of Saul, but God called him to move forward in hope. *What areas of your life feel stuck in grief or disappointment, and how might God be inviting you to move forward in hope, even when you can't see the outcome?*

- **Seeing Jesus with New Eyes:**
  Just as Samuel was drawn to Eliab's outward appearance, people in Jesus' day struggled to recognize Him as the Messiah because He didn't fit their expectations. *In what ways do you find yourself tempted to overlook Jesus or misunderstand who He is because of worldly expectations or assumptions? How can you ask God to help you see Jesus more clearly—with spiritual eyes rather than surface impressions?*

- **Surprising Provision:**
  David was the youngest and least expected, but God had been preparing him in hidden ways. *Can you think of a time in your life when God was working in unexpected or unnoticed ways to prepare you for something important? How does that change the way you view your current circumstances?*

- **Strength for Following Jesus:**
  The Spirit of the Lord "rushed upon David" and remained with him through trials. *Where in your life right now do you most need God's strength and the presence of the Holy Spirit? What would it look like to walk by the Spirit in that area this week?*