

## 1-2 SAMUEL: THE RISE OF A POET

### **Saul Rejected, David Anointed** **1 Samuel 16**

1. How successful are you at buying knockoffs of anything? Will you ever swear off the practice completely?
2. Samuel only asked God one question before going to Bethlehem. What would you have asked God before obeying? Is it hard for you to submit to authority without all the information? How does that creep into your relationships with earthly authority and with God?
3. Why did Samuel initially think Eliab was the Lord's choice? What is the irony here compared to 1 Sam 9.1-2 and 1 Sam 10.23-24? What was God communicating by passing over all of Jesse's sons before picking David?
4. Why do you suppose Samuel anointed David in the presence of his brothers? If you had been one of David's brothers, how would you have felt?
5. When we look at how the world views us, in what ways does it encourage you to know that God values the deepest part of who we are - our hearts?
6. When you evaluate someone, do you tend to feel superior or inferior to them? Why? What does that say about you? What does it look like practically for you to reserve judgment and wait on God to reveal someone's character?
7. Who do you most identify with in this story - Saul, David's brothers, David as left out, or David as chosen by God?
8. Why do you think God sends a harmful spirit to torment Saul? Does this contradict our view of God? Why?
9. How might you be trying to impress people and cultivate the outside of yourself rather than the inside - your own soul? What can you do more of to cultivate the inside?
10. Out of everything we talked about from God's Word today, what did the Holy Spirit use to speak to you most clearly? Now that He's shown you that, what are you going to do about it?