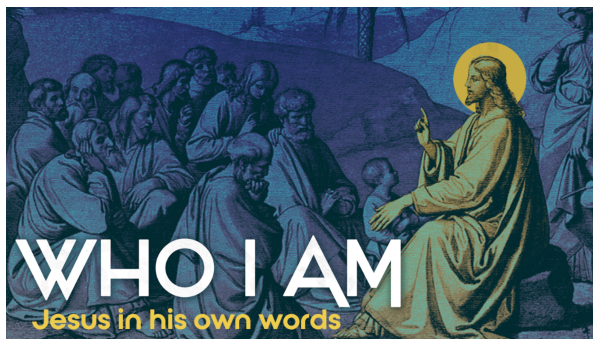




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David & Samuel

1 Samuel 16:1-13

1. Have you ever held a job or responsibility that you felt you were just MADE to do? (Teaching history to middle school students, being a dad, working a food truck, designing the perfect decor for a space, landscaping your flowerbed....it could be anything). How would you describe the experience of doing that work? What was it like to *stop* doing that work?
2. Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13 out loud with your small group, family, or a friend. What initial words or phrases jump off the page as you hear / read the story today?
3. Prophets in this ancient world were often either bringing good news from God or a warning from God, which is why the town elders were anxious (v. 4). We always talk about wanting to hear God speak, but have you ever been *nervous* to hear from God?
4. David was the forgotten younger brother, left out with the sheep, but his heart was exactly what God was looking for. Does that offer us any encouragement or warning about the things we're drawn to as individuals, and as a society, versus what God cares about?
5. Who, in our day and age, are the people forgotten and ignored? How might we care for them, in the way God cares for them?
6. Read Matthew 3:13-17. David's anointing was accompanied by God sending his Spirit to David. How would you describe your relationship with the Holy Spirit? What other scriptures come to mind that tell us about the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit's work in our midst?
7. If your life is in Jesus Christ, your calling and anointing is in Christ's calling and anointing. So, what sort of circumstances or what sort of people do you think you'll encounter this week that you're anxious about? What would it look like to face those people or situations as someone who is called a dearly loved child of God and anointed by the Holy Spirit?