

Davidic Covenant
The Heart of a King
Sunday, June 14th, 2026

1 Samuel 16:1-13 NIV

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

⁴Samuel did what the LORD said.

Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.”¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.”¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David.

1. God Sees the Heart.

2. God Shapes the Heart.

3. God Sustains the Heart.

Conclusion: Before David was a king, he was a worshiper. Before he carried a crown, he carried a heart devoted to God. And that remains true today. God's kingdom advances through ordinary people who have learned to make God their portion and their greatest treasure.

LIFE GROUP LESSON

The Heart of a King

Week of June 14th, 2026- June 20th, 2026

Ice Breaker: Describe how it feels when you are doing something but your heart isn't in it? How does it differ when your heart is engaged?

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

1. Where was Samuel's heart? (vs. 1) Why?
2. What was God calling Samuel to do? (v.1) Why?
3. What was Samuel's concern? (v.2)
4. How did God respond? What does this show us about God's purposes and sovereign will?
5. How would Samuel know who to anoint? (v.3)
6. Who did Samuel invite? (v.5) Who did Jesse omit? Why?
7. Who did Samuel think God would anoint and why? (v.6)
8. Can you relate at times when you look externally to ability/talent/appearance? What causes you to look at the heart?
9. What did God say to Samuel? (v.7) What is most important? Why? How is the counter cultural?
10. How many sons passed by Samuel who were not chosen? (v.10) What was God making known? What does this show you about being seen by God and trusting His purposes for your life?
11. Where was David, the youngest son? (v.11)
12. What would David be learning in this role? Read Psalm 78:70-72. How was God using this time to shape David's heart?
13. How did God respond when David was presented? (v.12)
14. What do you think Jesse and the brothers thought? Have you been shocked about someone God chooses and later see why?
15. What happened after David was anointed? (v.13)
16. Read 1 Samuel 15:7-12 and 20-26. What happened to Saul's heart? Why did God reject him and choose another king?
17. What does God most desire from His children?
18. Read Acts 13:22. Why was David chosen? What did God mean?
19. Read Psalm 139:23-24. What did David pray for? What should we ask for? How does this position our heart for worship?
20. Read Psalm 25:9. Who does God delight in and grow?
21. Read Psalm 16:5. In all David was given, what did he cherish?
22. Read Psalm 51:10, 12. Why is this important to pray often?

Point to ponder: It is a heart of worship that advances the kingdom of God. No matter our assignment, our worship has a tremendous impact.