

LifeGroup Questions
Based on: 1 Samuel 16
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Overview

Samuel was to anoint a new king for Israel. He traveled to Bethlehem and met Jesse and his sons and invited them all to a sacrifice. God rejected all of them as they walked in front of Samuel. Being confused, Samuel asked Jesse if he had another son. David was considered so insignificant in the family that he wasn't even invited to the sacrifice. He was the last invited but the only one chosen to be king over Israel.

God's perspective is completely different from ours. 1 Samuel 16:7 reads: "The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." There was nothing David had done up to this point in his life to be anointed king over Israel. It wasn't a position he earned or deserved. The only basis he had to be king was that he was chosen.

God knew the choices David would make as king before he chose him. God knew he would have an affair with Bathsheba. God knew he would then try to trick Uriah, her husband, into sleeping with Bathsheba so he would think the child was his. God knew he would ultimately have Uriah killed. God knew he would then marry Bathsheba in order to make their child look legitimate. If God knew all these things why did He choose David to be king?

There is one thing God knew about David that no one else knew. God knew David had a heart of repentance. David would go on to write Psalm 51 repenting from all he had done. A lot of us think we need to be perfect to serve God. We don't think He could possibly use someone as messed up as we are. God knows our past and He knows our future. Despite knowing all this, He still loves and wants us. Our standing before God isn't based on anything we have done or will do. God chose David to be king. God chose us to be His.

Bible Study: 1 Samuel 16

1. God seems to choose the least expected. Moses was a murderer, Noah was a drunk, Jacob was a deceiver, Paul was a religious terrorist, Matthew was a national traitor and tax collector. Why does God always seem to choose the least expected?
2. J.D. Greear once said: "God doesn't call the equipped He equips the called." How is this true in the life of David? How is this true in your life?

3. Satan uses our weaknesses against us. God uses our weaknesses to show His strength. Do you find this to be true? Why or why not?
4. David didn't get to be king until around 15 years after he was anointed. Why do you believe God chose him but then had him wait?
5. Many of the Psalms are David crying out to God. Our prayers tend to be focused on delivering us from our problems, instead of delivering us through our problems. How would this one change in your prayer life affect your relationship with God?