

Defined By God

We are defined by our Savior, not our success.



GOD'S STORY
THE TRANSFORMATION FOR ADULT LIFEGROUPS

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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(1 Samuel 16:1-13) ¹The 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." ²But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." ⁴Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" ⁵Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." ⁷But 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." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." ⁹Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." ¹¹So 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." ¹²So 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." ¹³So 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. Samuel then went to Ramah.

COMMUNITY – CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER

- What is the worst job you've ever had? What made it so bad?
- Did you enjoy telling people what you did during that time? Why or why not?
- Do you agree that most of us find our value in what our role or career is? What kinds of things in our culture make us define ourselves that way?

CONTENT – EXPLORING GOD'S STORY

Have a volunteer read 1 Samuel 16:1-7

- What is Samuel mourning at the start of this passage?
- Why and when did God reject Saul? Read 1 Samuel 13:8-14 and 15:10-11 to aid in your discussion.
- Why did Samuel initially think Eliab was the Lord's anointed? What's the irony here (see 10:23-24)?
- What does verse 7 suggest about the qualities God counts as most important for His servants?
- What does it mean that God "looks at the heart" of the individual?
- How does the fact that God looks at the heart counter the lie that "I am what I do"?

Have a volunteer read 1 Samuel 16:7-13

- If David was believing the lie that "I am what I do," how would he have seen himself?

- How does God's choice of David encourage you in your current stage of life or career?

Have a volunteer read 1 John 3:1-3

- Why was the love of God so amazing to John?
- How did John encourage his readers to define themselves?
- How is defining yourself as a child of God different than defining yourself by your job title, achievements, or accomplishments?

COMMISSION – ENGAGING IN GOD'S STORY

- How might truly believing that you are the son or daughter of God change the way that you view your occupation or role in life?
- What obstacles are there in your life right now that keep you from believing this truth?
- How can we in our group remind each other of our true source of value? That we are the children of God?

PRAYER: Pray and thank God for His great love that has made you into one of His children. Thank God that your worth and value is determined by Him rather than by some external quality. Pray for the faith to believe that God's love is real and that you are truly His child.

CONTINUE TO JOURNEY THROUGH GOD'S STORY

Bible Reading Plan:

DAY 1 – 1 Samuel 17-18
 DAY 2 – 1 Samuel 19-20
 DAY 3 – 1 Samuel 21-22
 DAY 4 – Psalm 22; 1 Sam. 24-25:1
 DAY 5 – 1 Samuel 28, 31

KEY VERSE: Psalm 22:27-28

H.E.A.R. Method:

Highlight a verse or two.
 Explain what the text means.
 Apply the verse to your life.
 Respond to God.

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 way that will CHANGE THE WORLD.