

DAVID'S ANNOINTING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. GOD SEES YOU AS YOU REALLY ARE
2. GOD MAKES YOU WHO YOU OUGHT TO BE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. If someone asked you, "who are you?" what would your response be? If someone asked you "who are you in God's eyes?" what would your response be?
3. In 1 Samuel 16:7 it says, "Man does not see what the Lord sees, for man sees what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart." What are some implications of this verse? How might this speak to the commonly held idea that we are supposed to look into our own hearts to find our identity?
4. The first main idea this week was that "God sees you as you really are." Is this comforting or concerning to you? Why?
5. What are some things you feel you "ought to be" in your life? Where did those ideas come from?
6. It takes a lot of humility to accept the fact that God sees you better than you see yourself and that He is the One who can make you who you ought to be. What is the most difficult part of these ideas for you to accept? What are some things that might change in your life if you fully believed these ideas?
7. **OPEN DISCUSSION:** Take some time to talk through the importance of God's Word in determining who we are. Discuss some of the more subtle ways that trying to build our own identities can affect our approach to God's Word and how can be on guard against the "Expressive Individualism" that we are so often bombarded with.

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: When we look at Jesus, we will begin to see ourselves as God sees us. We will see that we are more sinful and flawed than we ever dared believe, and yet at the same time we are more loved than we ever dared hope.