

Encounter these verses today:

circle words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side ...



1 Samuel 16 :: David Anointed by Samuel (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."

2 But 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.' 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

4 Samuel 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? "

5 Samuel 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.

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. Samuel then went to Ramah.



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1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

Why is **David** an important character in the story of God?

Where are we in the **history of Israel**?

Why was David an **unlikely** candidate for king?

What made him a **great candidate** for king?

How can **we live** more like David?



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Digging Deeper

[Engaging the message throughout the week]

Monday: 05.14.2012

Prayer Focus: The Flushing Community

Passage: Psalm 23

Insight: One of the oldest and most cherished Psalms written by David, the 23rd Psalm is a great way to start our week. Read it from other translations that you may have (visit biblegateway.com if you'd like options).

Questions for Consideration:

How does David's experience of a shepherd help him in speaking about the Lord as our shepherd?

What do you need this week? Contentment, green pastures, no fear, comfort, or the presence of God.

Tuesday: 05.15.2012

Prayer Focus: FCC Church Leadership

Passage: 1 Chronicles 16

Insight: The Ark of the Covenant was the holiest thing in all of Israel. It had not been called upon much during the final years of Saul's reign and David wanted to restore it to a place of prominence. Here we read David's psalm of gratitude toward the Lord for His blessings once the Ark had found its new home.

Questions for Consideration:

David is king and arguably the most powerful man in the region, but notice his dependence on the Lord. Do we live like this?

How does this psalm inspire you to see the Lord?

Wednesday: 05.16.2012

Prayer Focus: Don't forget about Boost tonight!

Passage: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Insight: Today we come back and look once again at the anointing of David. He had known no other King in his lifetime than Saul and David had great respect for him (evidenced by sending 2 sons to serve in Saul's army). Imagine what their family response was to Samuel's visit?

Questions for Consideration:

The key verse of this chapter is v. 7. Are you able to look beyond the exterior of people and see their heart?

Pray today for the ability to see everyone around you with God's eyes.

Thursday: 05.17.2012

Prayer Focus: The sick and recovering (iPray)

Passage: Hebrews 11:32-38

Insight: This chapter is a great passage to remind us of the faithful who have gone before us. David is mentioned here in a group instead of by himself but it's clear that his standard of faithfulness was inspiring to the church.

Questions for Consideration:

Can you imagine yourself as a person worthy of being on such a list? What act of faithfulness in this list inspires you the most?

Friday: 05.18.2012

Prayer Focus: Our church worship services (5/20)

Passage: Psalm 59

Insight: This Psalm was likely written after David was married to Saul's daughter and after Saul was seeking opportunities to kill David. I'm not sure why David chose to write his prayers out in this way but it does give us a glimpse into his struggle.

Questions for Consideration:

What do you identify with the most in this Psalm?

Does it feel strange that David asks for the Lords help but specifically asks for his enemies (Saul) to not be killed?



Be looking for details on a new class being offered this June & July that will combine reading and embracing scripture and art! This will be a great way to engage anyone's interest in art with the Word of God! More to come soon!!

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