



Lessons from God's Chosen King

The Backstory: The People's King

1 Samuel 8:4-22; 13:1-14; 15:1-31

The Anointing: God's King

"The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah."

1 Samuel 16:1-13

When You're The Last One Picked - 1 Samuel 16

1. We are _____ God and _____ God before we're ever _____ people

2. The kind of _____ God's looking for is a _____ of _____

3. A great _____ is one that _____ the _____ of the _____ King

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Invite Jesus to be my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- Memorize 1 Samuel 16:7
- Ask God to remove my prideful heart and give me a heart of humility
- Get the most out of each weekend's teaching by signing up to join an ERBC Life Group and participating in my group this week
- Commit to attend as much as possible attend each week of the "Developing A Heart For God" teaching series.



Discussion Questions - Week #1

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, "When You're The Last One Picked", summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Is there any practical step you plan on taking this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- The message this weekend focused on David's heart of humility. Who is someone who strikes you as surprisingly humble? How do they demonstrate their humility?
- In Richard Foster's amazing book *Celebration of the Discipline*, Foster states the following, "Humility, as we all know, is one of those virtues that is never gained by seeking it. The more we pursue it the more distant it becomes. To think we have it is sure evidence that we don't." Do you agree or disagree with Foster's assertion that if we think we're humble, it's evidence that we're not? If Foster is correct that the more we pursue humility the more distant it becomes, what possibly can we do to grow in humility?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In the message this weekend, we looked at God's choosing of David. In one very long sentence in Ephesians chapter 1, the Apostle Paul writes of God's choosing of us. Read Ephesians 1:3-14. What stands out to you?

How does God's choice of us differ from the way that our world makes choices?

What does Paul suggest was God's purpose in choosing us?

How does Paul expect that we will respond to this good news?

How do you think we might live differently if we accepted the identity God bestows upon us rather than the one the world gives?

Is there a practical step you could take to better live out of your identity in Christ?

2. Some of the best stories of faithfulness are hidden amongst the less-read passages of the Old Testament. One such story is 2 Chronicles 14:8-12. In what way does Asa exemplify humility in this passage?

What do you think might have happened had Asa failed to embrace a humble attitude?

How can you be sure that in adopting an attitude of humility it will not lead to inaction?

Is there an area in your life where you need to embrace a greater attitude of humility?

TAKING IT HOME

☞ What is one thing in your life that you would like your Life Group to pray for you regularly this Life Group quarter?

PRAYER REQUESTS