

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### 1 Samuel 16:1-13

#### Talk About

- Have you (or seen someone else) been in a *large* family gathering? Describe some of the family dynamics.
- How did you feel when you realised that a previous first impression of someone was completely wrong?
- Go around the group and decide upon ONE word that best describes each person.

#### Read About

- What does God ask Samuel to do and *not* do (v.1)? What was Samuel to take with him to Bethlehem?
- How does God respond to Samuel's fear (v.2-3)?
- Who met Samuel at Bethlehem (v.4)? Why were they trembling with fear?
- What does Samuel instruct the Bethlemites to do (v.5)? Should we do the same today? See Romans 12:1-2.
- Why do you think Samuel assumes Eliab is God's choice (v.6)? Compare 1 Samuel 9:2 and 1 Samuel 10:23-24.
- Put into your own words what God says to Samuel in v.7.
- How important does David seem to his own family (v.11)?
- What does Samuel do when he sees David (v.12)?
- What happened when Samuel anointed David (v.13)?

#### Think About

- Does this passage indicate why God chose David? If so, what reasons does it suggest? If not, why not?
- In what areas of your life are you seeking the Spirit of God to move in a powerful way?
- What key verse or thought stands out for you in this passage?
- You could end by reading / memorising 1 Samuel 16:7.

## **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

### **Samuel anoints David**

<sup>1</sup> 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.'

<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, 'How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me.'

The Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord."' <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.'

<sup>4</sup> 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?'

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord.'

<sup>7</sup> 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 man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, 'The Lord has not chosen this one either.' <sup>9</sup> Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, 'Nor has the Lord chosen this one.' <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?'

'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered, 'but he is tending the sheep.'

Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.'

<sup>12</sup> So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; he is the one.'

<sup>13</sup> 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 upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.