

A NOBODY SOMEBODY NOTICED

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Read 1 Samuel 16.

1. **Samuel, as one of God's prophets, was directed by God to do His will and work among God's people. Before God gives Samuel an instruction in this chapter, what does God do?**

rejects saul as king.

2. **Why was Samuel concerned about going?** (1 Samuel 16:2)

concerned that saul might kill him.

he had to pass through saul's territory

3. **What kind of person was God looking for?** (1 Samuel 13:14)

a person after God's own heart.

4. What does the response of the elders in verse 4 tell us about Samuel?

that he has a lot of authority, he is respected, that he was sharing what God was saying.

5. What was the usual procedure for a sacrifice? Who would attend?

sacrifice of an animal, cleansing wash, prayer

6. Did Jesse know why Samuel was in Bethlehem?

bible does not say

7. Why did Samuel think that Eliab was God's choice for a new king? (vs 6)

his appearance, reminded of him of saul.

8. What is interesting about God's response to Samuel's expectations of a king? (vs 7)

its interesting because it was an unusual to judge someone like that, God is teaching Samuel what is important to God, even after all the time he was a prophet.

9. Why is God's message in verse 7 a message we still need to hear today?

because while we judge differently we still judge by how they look, but should look at how they are as a person.

10. How might we focus on the hearts of others rather than their outward appearance?

by getting to know the person, by letting them express who they are without immediately jumping to what you believe they are.

11. Verse 10 says that "Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel." What do you think Jesse's response might have been when Samuel said that none of these sons were "chosen" by the Lord?

may have been suprised, because of the class structure of birth order.

12. Why might have Samuel said, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." (vs 11)

because the message was that important, because it was a message from God.

13. How does the Bible describe David? What picture do you get of him? (Look at vv 12 and 18)

good looking, but rugged

14. How would you want someone to describe you? What attributes are truly important in our characters?

kind, smart

- 15. Why would God choose an inexperienced shepherd boy to be a king—rather than someone who had experience in politics and earthly matters?**

... show that it is more than outwards appearances, David had a good relationship with
... God, to be open about what to do instead of thinking he knows how to do it.
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- 16. How did David's anointing occur? (Who was there and what happened?)**

Samuel takes the horn oil and anoints him
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- 17. What did David do after he was anointed? (1 Samuel 16:18, 19)**

... goes back and watches the sheep
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After David's anointing, things change for Saul.

18. What does it mean in verses 13 and 14 when it talks about the “Spirit of the Lord” and a distressing spirit?

19. Does God send “distressing spirits”?

20. What does 1 Samuel 17:14, 15 tell us about David?

21. The act of Saul sending for the newly anointed David to calm his soul with music is certainly ironic. Why do you think Jesse sent a lot of gifts for Saul when David went to him to play?

secure that David has favor with saul

22. Verses 21 and 22 talk about David “standing” before Saul. What does this mean?

to be in service of the king.

23. How does Saul feel about David at this point in time?

he like david

24. Why do you think God allowed David to be the one to play and work for Saul in the king’s court—rather than someone else?

God teaching David how to be in the court before becoming king.

25. What does this part of the story tell us about God?

God can use people from all places, God's solutions are sometimes strange and surprising.