

3. The FORGOTTEN Son

- David is considered so INCONSEQUENTIAL that he is not even INVITED to the party, but left to tend the sheep in the field
- This is so often God's way: He chooses the BARREN wife, the FORGOTTEN son, or the UNLIKELY savior to highlight His GRACE and magnify His GLORY (1 Cor. 1:26-31)

4. The ANOINTED King

- David is CHOSEN by God to fight for the people of God
- David is EMPOWERED by God to accomplish the salvation of God
- David is TRAINED by God in the wilderness of suffering

Does any of this sound vaguely familiar?

- Jesus is our "true and better" David!
- The true lesson of this text is not "BE LIKE DAVID", but rather "FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS"
- As we "see" Jesus fighting for us and saving us, that CHANGES the way we see OURSELVES and OTHERS
- As we "see" Jesus, the real man after God's own heart and all that He's done for us, that MELTS and CHANGES our hearts

We continue our Life of David series with our first surprising and dramatic introduction to David. Even here we begin to see how the story of David, with all its triumph and tragedy, powerfully points beyond itself to Jesus . . .

1. The GRIEVING Prophet

Saul had been rejected as king because . . .

- He had TURNED BACK from following the Lord (15:11)
- He REBELLED and did not OBEY the voice of the Lord (15:22-23)
- He was ARROGANT and did not submit to the Lord as KING (15:23)

Samuel grieved because . . .

- The Lord's king had been REJECTED
- The Lord's glory had been TARNISHED
- The Lord's people now faced an UNCERTAIN FUTURE

2. The SEEING God

- The Sovereign God never leaves His people without a FUTURE
- The Sovereign God SEES a future and is always working to ACCOMPLISH that future
- Samuel, like all of us, is being "wowed" by OUTWARD APPEARANCES
- But God sees and cares about our HEART CHARACTER
- He has seen in David a man after HIS OWN HEART (13:14)

Growth Groups are the glue that hold our church together. Growth Groups are groups of 6 - 12+ people that meet together during the week to process and apply the message, pray together, care for another and live life together. If you are interested in joining a Growth Group, go to gracecentralcoast.org.

Connecting and Caring for One Another

In this second week of Fall Growth Groups, make sure you don't miss the opportunity to share the joys and struggles of your lives together.

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. Rather than asking "How did you LIKE the message this week?", we're committed to asking "How did you COME UNDER God's Word in the text and message this week?" In other words, how did God speak to you, convict you, or encourage you through our study of the life of David this week?
2. Read 1 Samuel 15:10-12 and 15:22-23. What are the reasons God rejects Saul as king? (This is scary, because aren't we all prone to these same compromises and tendencies?)
3. What does Samuel see when he sees Eliab? We see just like Samuel sees! What are the outward, external appearances that we see, value and pursue?

4. In contrast to Samuel, what does the Lord see? What does this really mean? (For a clue, look at the converse of the charges against Saul that led to his rejection in question 2).
5. How does the choosing of David, forgotten son, illustrate and echo a critical Biblical principle? What is that principle and what should that do to us?
6. When David is identified, what 3 things happen to him? Number 3 is not explicitly noted in this text and it's the most surprising and unexpected. Why?
7. The lesson of this text is not "be like David" but "see the Lord's Anointed". In what ways does this episode in the life of David enable us to see Jesus, "our true and better David"? How does seeing Jesus fighting and suffering for our salvation change us to begin to see as God sees?

Praying Together

- Pray for one another that you might see afresh and deeper all that Jesus, our true and better David, has done for us.
- Pray that the Lord would cause you to see, value and pursue beyond outward appearances to character of the heart.
- Pray for one another's real and shared needs.