



A God Who Is Working

Sermon Discussion Questions - May 8, 2022

Text

1 Samuel 16

Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Samuel 16, which introduces us to David. What stands out to you in this introduction? What character traits does David exhibit? What about Samuel and Saul?
2. How does David show us what it means to be human? In what ways does his life thwart our expectations about value and significance?
3. In Eugene Peterson's book *Leap Over a Wall*, he says, "We're never more alive than when we're dealing with God. And there's a sense in which we aren't alive at all until we're dealing with God" (5).
 - a. Why are we "never more alive" than when we're dealing with God?
 - b. In what ways does 1 Samuel 16 show people having real dealings with God? What happens as a result of those "dealings"?
4. In what ways is the story of David actually a story about God? What does 1 Samuel 16 reveal about God and the ways He works in the world?
5. In what ways do Samuel and David point us to Jesus? How is Jesus our better priest and king?
6. As a group, spend 5–10 minutes praising God for who He is and what He does. How could you keep that praise at the forefront of your mind this week?

Prayer

Oh, heavenly Father, give us undivided hearts! Teach us to consider all the ways You are working—especially when we feel unseen or overlooked. Heavenly Father, You see us; You know us, inside and out. May we learn to be content in You and devoted fully to You, for in Your presence is fullness of joy and life forevermore. Amen.