

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

A MAN OF GOD'S OWN CHOOSING

I SAMUEL 16:1-13

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023

- I. God's Providential Plan: vs. 1-5
- II. God's Perfect Sight: vs. 6-10
- III. God's Surprising Choice: vs. 11-13

Questions:

1. In what ways is it true that our culture's social axiom is "Image is everything"? How is this displayed?
2. As noted in the sermon, "seeing" is a major theme in 1 Samuel 16 (the Hebrew root word occurring 7 different times). Looking at vs. 7, how might you fall into seeing/valuing based on external appearance rather than the internal/heart? Or to word it differently, in what specific ways do you prioritize your external image over the internal (developing your character, deepening your maturity, and guarding your heart for it is the wellspring of life)?
3. Why is it so challenging for your personally to prioritize your "inward person" more than the outward?
4. Assign each person or couple in the group one of the following passages and spend a few minutes answering the question, "What does this passage say about how we should think about the external vs. the internal?" Then, come back as a group and share your insight.
 - Matthew 23:27-28 and surrounding context
 - Proverbs 31:30
 - 1 Timothy 4:8
 - Matthew 7:21-23
 - Isaiah 29:13-16
 - 1 Peter 3:1-6
 - 2 Corinthians 4:16 and surrounding context
 - Proverbs 4:23
5. Why is it important (or what are the implications) to understand vs. 7 as "God choosing David according to His heart/will" rather than God choosing David because of qualities David possessed?
 - See 2 Samuel 7:21
6. In what ways does this passage point us forward to Jesus and how does that encourage you?