



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 06/08/2025
DISCUSSION DATE: 06/15/2025
TEXT: I SAMUEL 16:1-13

GOD'S CHOICE TO LEAD

I. GOD'S PLANS CONTINUE DESPITE HUMAN FAILURE. (vs. 1)

II. GOD'S APPROVED LEADERS OBEY HIM. (vss. 2-5)

III. GOD'S CHOICE IS BASED ON THE HEART. (vss. 6-10)

IV. GOD CHOOSES SERVANTS TO BE HIS LEADERS. (vss. 11-13)

V. GOD ENABLES THOSE HE CHOOSES. (vss. 12-13)

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read I Samuel 15:35 & 16:1-13.** Why was Samuel mourning over Saul? Why was Saul's failure not tragic for Israel? Who removes human leaders and establishes new ones? For what purposes? How is the sovereignty of God revealed in this passage?
2. **Read Daniel 2:20-23, Psalm 75:7, Jeremiah 1:10, & Psalm 146:3-5.** Explain how in each of these passages God rules over the affairs of men. How should we respond when we see leaders fail and when we perceive political affairs change from good to bad or bad to good?
3. **Read I Samuel 16:2-5.** What hesitation did Samuel have in going to see Jesse the Bethlehemite? What does this tell you about Saul at this point? How did God address Samuel's fears? What does verse 4 say about Samuel? (In chapters 13-16, we are to see a contrast between Saul & Samuel. List as many differences as you can.
4. **Read verses 6-10.** What did Samuel see in Eliab? What qualification was Samuel sent to look for? What was God's response to Samuel in verse 7? On what basis were the other sons of Jesse put before Samuel for consideration?
5. In choosing spiritual leaders, it is also our tendency to look at appearance, personality, likeability, etc. Since we cannot look into the heart of a man or woman, how might we try to evaluate one's character and inner-man?
6. **Read verses 11-13.** After Samuel went through all of Jesse's sons at the meeting, what did he ask of Jesse? What was Jesse's response? What do we know about David from this section? Why was he an unlikely candidate to be king? How did he qualify in God's eyes? How might tending to sheep have shaped David's life?
7. **Read I Corinthians 1:26-31.** Why does God call "the foolish things," "weak things," and "base things?"
8. **Read Acts 6:1-5 & I Timothy 3:8-13.** In 2 weeks (June 22nd), we will select out from our congregation men to be deacons. For what purpose did God establish the office of deacon? What are the biblical qualifications for deacon? We will also elect members to serve on committees. What should we consider when choosing them?