

Sermon Notes

“Lost and Found”
1 Samuel 9 – 10
August 13, 2017

c. What promises do NT believers in Jesus have concerning the work of the Holy Spirit that prepares them for ministry (John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:13-15)?

Introduction

5. Consider how we go about discerning God's will.
- a. What process did Samuel use to determine who would be Israel's king (10:20-24)?
- b. The high priest wore an outer garment called an ephod (see 1 Sam. 2:28; 14:3), in which he carried the Urim and Thummin, which seem to have been small stones or lots that were cast like dice to gain yes-or-no answers from the Lord (see 14:36-37, 41-42; 22:10; 23:1-4, 6, 9-12). The assumption was that God would sovereignly control how they fell so as to reveal the correct answer (see Proverbs 16:33). ([1&2 Samuel: Life Change Series](#), NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2012, p. 41)
- c. Does God reveal and confirm His will today in the same ways that He did in Samuel's day? What other methods can we use to find God's directions?

Let's Pray:

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 8-13-17

Questions adapted from 1&2 Samuel: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2012, pp. 39-41; Explore the Bible, Adult Leader Guide, Vol. 2, No. 1, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN, Fall 2008, pp. 48-50; Dale Ralph Davis, Focus on the Bible 1 Samuel, Looking on the Heart, Bell & Bain, Glasgow, Great Britain, 2014, p. 103.

Getting Started:

1. First impressions often have lasting impact on relationships. When was a time that your first impression of someone proved accurate? Describe a time when your first impression was inaccurate.

Digging Deeper:

2. Read 1 Samuel chapters 9-10. In these chapters, we are introduced to the character Saul.
 - a. What in particular is emphasized in the description of Saul (9:2; 10:23-24)?
 - b. What impressions do you get of Saul's character from these chapters?
 - c. What is attractive about his character? What is questionable?
 - d. Where was Saul when Samuel selected him (10:21-23)? Why do you think he was hiding?

- e. In your opinion, did Saul look like someone who would be king? Why or why not?

3. "Providence" is God's way of *providing* for the needs of his people. That's not all of it, but some of it. When I use 'providence' here I mean that wonderful, strange, mysterious, unguessable way Yahweh has of ruling his world and sustaining his people, and his doing it, frequently, over, under, around, through, or in spite of the most common stuff of our lives or even the bias of our **wills.**" (Dale Ralph Davis, Focus on the Bible 1 Samuel, Looking on the Heart, Bell & Bain, Glasgow, Great Britain, 2014, p. 94)
 - a. What signs of God's sovereignty and compassion over the great and small affairs of life do you find in chapters 9 and 10?
 - b. Have there been times in your own life when you have seen God's providence in the way quite ordinary things have come together into a wonderful providential pattern?
4. Consider how God prepared Saul for this role.
 - a. In 10:2-10, why do you think Samuel prophesied to Saul these specific events that were about to happen to him?
 - b. From what you see in 10:6-7 and 10:9-12, how was Saul divinely prepared – as well as divinely chosen – to lead his nation?