

# Sermon Notes

"How God Sees"

1 Samuel 16

September 24, 2017

c. Revelation 1:5-6 lists several titles and descriptions of Jesus. After reading these, consider the lyrics of the song sung to Jesus ("the Lamb") in Revelation 5:8-14. According to these lyrics, what qualified Jesus to rule as king?

d. Spend some time in worship and praise, thanking God for his surprising, uncanny, unpredictable provision of salvation!

## Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

*Brooke and Cory Passehl, Youth With a Mission, Hawaii*  
Pray for the Passehl family; busyness of outreach travel (recently to Costa Rica); balancing family and ministry.

## Introduction

1.

2.

## Conclusion:

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 9-24-17

Questions adapted from *1&2 Samuel: Life Change Series*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2012, pp. 55-56; *Explore the Bible, Adult Leader Guide, Vol. 2, No. 1*, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN, Fall 2008, pp. 65-73; *Explore the Bible, Quicksource Leader, Vol. 4, No. 1*, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN, Fall 2008, pp. 27-30.

## Getting Started:

1. How do you react when an event takes a disappointing turn?

## Digging Deeper:

2. Read 1 Samuel 16:1
  - a. In 15:11, 35, Samuel is portrayed as mourning for Saul. After reviewing that context, why do you think Samuel mourned for Saul? Why did God encourage Samuel to move on?
  - b. How can focusing on a new direction from God help a Christian move on after disappointing circumstances?
3. Read 1 Samuel 16:2-5.
  - a. How did Samuel respond to God's instructions?
  - b. What is involved in accepting new directions from God? Why is accepting new directions sometimes difficult?

4. Read 1 Samuel 16:6-10.
  - a. How did Samuel's reaction to Eliab resemble Israel's response to Saul (9:2; 10:23-24)?
  - b. What truth did God share with Samuel (16:7)?
  - c. Do you evaluate people and situations by how they appear outwardly, or do you look deeper and consider them from God's point of view? How can you cultivate the ability to see the heart, as God does?
5. Read 1 Samuel 16:11-13.
  - a. What made David seem the least likely of Jesse's sons to be made king?
  - b. Both Isa. 53:1-3 and Psalm 118:22-23 predict that Christ would likewise be rejected by men, but chosen by God. According to the Isa. passage, why would men reject God's servant? Why is it that he seems an unlikely king?