



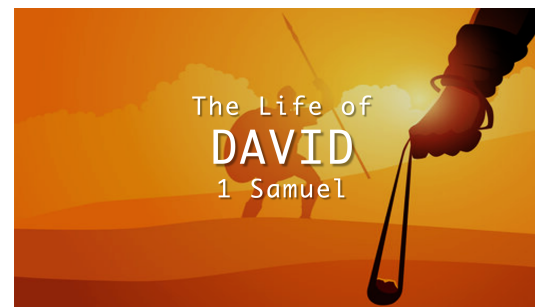
15. When have you been ashamed to be seen with a fellow Christian because of appearances? What difference would it make if you saw him as God does?

16. What might God be calling you to do despite others' protests?

17. When have you sinned and tried to find relief in remedies other than repentance?

18. When have people said of you: "The Lord is with him/her?"

Praises & Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

“THE LORD LOOKS ON THE HEART”
1 Samuel 16:1-23
For the Week of October 11, 2026



GETTING STARTED

1. What stood out to you from this week’s message?
2. What have you purchased based on first impressions, only to discover it wasn’t as good/helpful as you’d thought/hoped?
3. In interviewing others for a position, are you swayed by their appearance?
4. What musical instruments do you play or wish you did?





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5. What is Samuel mourning? Why does God rebuke him?
6. Why does Samuel hesitate to go to Bethlehem? What do his tears say about Saul's character? How does God calm his fear?
7. Is God commanding Samuel to tell a "white lie"? Why/why not?
8. Why do the elders tremble at the sight of Samuel? What does that say about the Saul-Samuel rift?
9. Beyond normal worship, what does Samuel's sacrifice signify (V5; 11:14-15)?
10. Why did Samuel initially think Eliab was the Lord's anointed? What is the irony here (10:23-24)?
11. How is the Holy Spirit at work in David's life and Saul's (V13-14)?
12. If God is holy and loving, how could the evil spirit tormenting Saul be from Him (V14, 23)? Why do you think God sends the spirit?
13. Why is music advised for Saul's troubled soul? How does music make a person feel better? As one of Saul's aides, what would you have recommended?
14. What about David commends him to Saul (V18)? What secures David's service?