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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 08.13.23 Pulpit Curriculum

The Man of God's own Choosing

Main Passage: 1 Samuel 16

God Chooses David – A Turning Point in History: David Anointed as King

- 1) Grief Boundaries – The Lord confronted Samuel over an extended time of grieving. He was grieving over the sin of Saul and the state that Israel was in. There is a time for all things in the Lord (Eccles 3:4), but we must always be mindful of God's sovereignty. Our hope (Isa 61:3; Ps 62:4, 5; Rom 15:13) and trust (Ps 147:11; Ps 25:8) should be in the Lord to take up our strength in Him and be on mission (1 Sam 16:1) for what God calls us to – Disciple-Making (DM).
 - Hope (Know that a better day is coming): Is there something you are grieving extendedly for? How does extended grieving impact eternal perspective? _____
 - Trust (Know that God will): Hope in a better outcome is according to our trust in God. What are your anchor verses that encourage your trust in the Lord? _____
 - Mission (Know that the mission must progress; Matt 28:20): Making disciples is the first step of Christian obedience. What areas of DM do you struggle with? _____
- 2) Bethlehem – The importance of Bethlehem was for Jewish, redemptive, and world history. God in His modesty chose the lowliness of Bethlehem as the place of birth for King David, and ultimately Jesus Christ, the King of Kings.
- 3) God's Play Action Fake – Samuel concealed his true motive for going to Bethlehem. Refusing to tell all the truth is not always a lie that God condemns, but you must be very careful not to use this strategy for personal gain. We must be people of integrity (2 Chron 16:9)! We are called to be as innocent as doves, but as shrewd as a serpent (Matt 10:16).
 - What is biblical shrewdness? How does shrewdness differ from a deceptive lie? _____
- 4) God looks on the heart – David was a man after God's own heart. God desires a heart of worship that is given over to the weightier things of God – grace, mercy, love, etc. God does not merely desire believers that just check a box or have the right head knowledge but no heart of worship. We must mortify sin down to the root...our heart. (Psalm 40; Deut 30:6; Ezek 36:26; Rom 2:29).



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- What is the difference in addressing the fruit of sin versus treating the root of sin? Why is it vital to address the root of sin? _____

- When God looks at your heart what does He see? Where do you need to improve the culture of your heart? _____

God Rejects Saul

- 1) A Harmful Spirit from the Lord –Saul had been warned numerous times by God and Samuel, and God ultimately turned him over to destruction. Sometimes it is difficult to read hard passages like this, but we know that the Lord is righteous in all His ways, He is merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth (Ps 145:17; Ex 34:6; Ps 107:8, 9). At times God hastens the deliberately rebellious sinner down their destructive path.
 - Destruction (Ps 73: 18, 19): What attributes of God are revealed in passages where individuals are turned over to destruction? _____

 - Creation Warns (Rom 1:18): God reveals himself in what He created and how we were created. What warning is evident within us and why is that of eternal consequence? _____

 - Bible Warns (Luke 13:3) The Bible is clear with many warnings about the world, that we are to repent of, or otherwise perish. What areas are you struggling to repent from in your own walk? Identify a bible word/verse and take time to pray over that area. _____

 - Brothers/Sisters Warn [On the Wall, At the Ready - OTWATR]: As fellow believers, we must be better at warning when we are headed for destruction. Who are your 4th Quarter Christian friendships? What does it mean to be OTWATR? Who have you (should you) let onto the scaffolding of your life to be OTWATR? _____

 - Why are relationships key to effective ministry? How can you lovingly take up your conviction/courage and warn? _____
- 2) Saul Chooses David – Saul’s men recognized David was a skillful musician, a man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, handsome, but ultimately that the Lord was with him.