

Sermon Discussion Questions for December 30, 2018:

Scripture Passage: I Samuel 16

God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
  2. The Lord instructed Samuel to go to Jesse to select the next king from among his sons to replace Saul. Samuel's attention immediately was drawn to Jesse's son Eliab. Based on what the Lord told Samuel in verse 7, what do you think drew Samuel's attention to Eliab? Why do we base many of our decisions on outward appearances?
  3. Have you ever made a decision based solely on outward appearances to discover later that you made a major mistake?
  4. After Samuel's initial "jumping to a wrong conclusion" with Eliab, Samuel waited to hear a word from the Lord. The Lord clearly told Samuel that David was the one to be anointed king. Is it hard to "wait" for the Lord to reveal His specific plan for your life? When you make decisions, do you sometimes jump to conclusions before hearing a specific word from the Lord? Does God still speak to us today and give us answers to our questions? How?
  5. How does the Bible describe David? What were some of David's skills? Were these unique or ordinary? (shepherding, playing harp, being an obedient son). How did God use these ordinary skills in extraordinary ways? As ordinary folks, should we feel encouraged that God can use us to accomplish His purposes? How has God used you in an extraordinary way?
  6. A faithful, yielding servant can be an extraordinary vehicle for God to accomplish great things. What other biblical characters did God use in amazing ways? Will you be available for God to do extraordinary things in your life in 2019?
- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
  - Love others as Christ loves you.
  - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
  - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

