



Sunday 10th September 2023

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Questions for our midweek discipleship groups and personal reflection

The Lord will show us what to do (v.1-3)

Why was Samuel mourning for Saul?

Do we mourn over our own sins, the sins of other Christians, and failures of churches who carry the name of Jesus?

As with Samuel in identifying God's chosen king, are you facing a challenge where you need to trust that our Sovereign God:

1. Sees everything more clearly than us?
2. He has chosen a way to provide for you?
3. And He will show you what to do?

The Lord looks at the heart (v.4-7)

Despite all that Samuel knew about the character flaws of Saul despite his impressive appearance, why did he see Eliab and immediately think that he was the one?

In what circumstances or decisions are we sometimes tricked into judging by first impressions/appearances? Why are in danger of repeatedly making this mistake?

Read Isaiah 53:1-5. What is unimportant about Jesus and what is essential?

The Lord anoints those he chooses (v.8-13)

How was Samuel being more discerning in responding to the directing of God?

Why do you think Jesse did not even consider inviting David to the sacrifice?

What two things was David anointed with, and what are their significance?

At Jesus' baptism, what did the anointing of the Holy Spirit enable him to go on and do?

How does the Holy Spirit equip Christians to fulfil God's purposes?