



**Sunday 17th September 2023 – Servant & Successor
1 Samuel 16:14-23**

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Questions for our midweek discipleship groups and personal reflection

God controls the spiritual realm (1 Samuel 16:14-16)

What is happening in v.13-14 of this story and why?

How do we make sense of God sending an evil spirit to torment Saul?

Why can we be confident that God controls the entire spiritual realm? What Scriptures emphasize this?

Have there been occasions or seasons when Satan seemed to be hindering your life? What do you need to remember and do during these times?

God provides a servant king (1 Samuel 16:17-22)

What was ironic about God's way of providing in response to Saul's request (v.17?)

What do you think God was teaching David during his time with the sheep?

Why was Jesus' time in obscurity for many years an essential part of his preparation for his ministry? In what ways does God prepare us before sending us?

David was a servant to Saul before becoming his successor. How did Jesus serve the world when he came as King?

Why did Jesus say being a servant is the way to greatness (Mark 9:35)? What does it mean to be a servant to others?

God brings wholeness through His Holy Spirit (1 Samuel 16:23)

Why did Saul's music therapy only provide temporary relief from his torment? Where does true healing come from?

Read Ephesians 5:18-20. How can we allow the Spirit's influence have an impact in our hearts?