

THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART

1 Samuel 16

Key verse 7

Discussion question:

- What does it mean to have heart that pleases God?

Inductive study questions:

1. Read verses 1-5. Why did God ask Samuel this particular question? (1a)
What did God want Samuel to know about God's plan and his task? (1b)
What was he cautious of? What was God's wisdom for him? What might the elders have trembled at Samuel's arrival?
2. Read verses 6-13. How is what God looks at different from what people look at? In what ways do we put confidence in what people can see about us? Why was David overlooked? How was David described? What happened to him as he was anointed?
3. Read verses 14-23. Describe Saul's inner life. How much did he suffer and how was he comforted? How was David described here? (18) In what ways can we bring God's comfort to the world?