

## Sunday – October 6, 2024 – Communion Sunday



### *“Starting from Where You Are”* *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

Everyone’s life has a story that involves God. For some, God’s story with them is evident in every page, for some it’s just a footnote. For everyone, God wants to be more involved, and as he is, we become more like Jesus- that is the essence of discipleship. People walking with God and each other in our desire to be more like Jesus, and lead others to do the same. In David’s life, God uses a variety of people to help shape David to be the “man after God’s own heart.”

**KEY VERSE:** *“So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power” (1 Samuel 16:13).*

Can you list the three most important people who have contributed to your spiritual journey with God? Why were each important? What did they contribute to your journey?

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Read *1 Samuel 16:1-13*.

What key moments stand out for you in this section? Why are they important in the story?

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Read *1 Samuel 16:1,2*. Samuel is in hiding, afraid to go when God calls him. What fears do you need to bring out into the light about listening to God’s call for your life?

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Read *1 Samuel 16:6-10*. Jesse and Samuel make some judgements about who God will choose to use. What judgements do I make about who God uses? Am I writing someone off prematurely?

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Discipleship is a personal relationship in which we help one another to become transformed into the image of Jesus. Read *Mark 1:17,18*; *Matthew 28:18-20* and *Acts 1:8*. How do these verses inform me in my concept of what discipleship is- or is not? What are they saying to me about what I need to be doing in my discipleship journey with Jesus?

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Discipleship is all about starting where I am in my journey with God and then moving forward. Where would I say I am today on my journey? What is my next step?

This week

Who are the people God wants to put into my life to make me a better disciple?

Who will I let in, who am I saying- “not a chance” and yet God wants to use?

Into whose life is God calling me to step in?