



# Community Groups Discussion Guide

Week 2 - April 3

When The Heart Is Right, Everybody Wins | 1 Samuel 16:1-13

## Introduction

We're in week two of a five week series we've titled "Everybody Wins". The 'win' we're talking about isn't something like winning a competition in sports or some other kind of endeavor. It's becoming the person God created you to be and living a life that honors God and helps others.

Sunday's sermon focused on the heart, which is understood in scripture as the center of a person's will. It holds your deepest convictions and your strongest values. It's the core of who you truly are.

Please read 1 Samuel 16:1-13 before answering the following questions.

## Questions for Study

1. On what would you say most people base their impressions of someone when they first meet?
2. Do you have any outward, visible biases on which you determine the worth of another person?
3. Have you ever had someone put a judgement on you on the basis of your appearance? If you have, how did it make you feel?
4. What are some external things by which we measure a person's worth?
5. What did Samuel learn about making assumptions on the basis of physical appearance?
6. What do these 13 verses in 1 Samuel 16 teach us about what matters most to God?

Read Mark 7:1-23 and then answer the following question.

7. What's at issue here that's critical to living a genuine spiritual life?

Read Psalm 15 and then answer the following question.

8. What indicators does David give in this Psalm of a heart that's right?

Now, write down several other verses in scripture that teach us something about the heart.