



GRIT + GLORY

## It Starts With Heart

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Discussion Questions

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1. Read 1 Samuel 16:1 about Samuel mourning for Saul. Like Samuel, do you sometimes get stuck focusing on your circumstances or the way you would have liked things to turn out? Describe that time. Take a moment to discuss how God might be working, even now, to move out of that state of mind and serve Him.
2. In 1 Samuel 16:2, we see Samuel hesitate at God's request. What other characters in the Bible have hesitated after God had asked them to do something? See Exodus 3:11 and Acts 9:13.
3. Read 1 Samuel 16:6-7. What is revealed about the character of God in these verses? How does this impact you?
4. What do you think it means that someone has "heart"? Describe someone who you believe demonstrates qualities that show he or she has "heart."
5. Describe a time when you were guilty of looking only on the outside as Samuel did in 16:6-7. Did you discover something different inside in the heart? Or if a current situation, what do you think God would have you see?
6. Acts 13:22 describes David as "a man after [the Lord's] own heart,". What qualities do you think God saw in David's heart? How can you strive to be more "after God's own heart"?
7. Though the Lord had David anointed as His choice for king, David did not actually rule as king until many years later. How did David spend his time? Share a time in your life when you felt God had you in a "holding pattern". How did you handle it?