

Sermon Discussion Guide

August 28, 2022

READ

Read 1 Samuel 16 aloud and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap: *Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:*

- “God consistently chooses the unlikely, the underdog, the overlooked, because he wants us not to trust in riches or talent or beauty or charm or charisma; he wants us to trust in him.”
- “What makes you beautiful, in God’s eyes, is character. So, if you’re going to focus on anything, focus on developing character.”
- “When God chooses someone, he sends them through a time of monotonous faithfulness where they have to show whether they’ll be faithful in small things.”

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever experienced a kind of “blank space” in your life? What do you think God was trying to teach you during that time?
2. What is the most difficult aspect of going through these “blank spaces”? What part of your life feels monotonous right now? Where do you feel like nothing is happening?
3. Do you know of anyone in your life or our church community that exemplifies faithfulness in the small things? What sticks out to you about them?
4. What are some truths from this portion of Scripture that can encourage us to pursue growing in character, especially through what seems like drudgery?

Weekly Response Questions	Prayer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Reflect: What is God teaching you about himself, others, and yourself through this sermon?<input type="checkbox"/> Respond: What is one way you can build up another member of the church body this week?<input type="checkbox"/> Reach: Who do you need to pray for or share this with?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Pray for God to help us experience joy and glory in Christ through what he has done—especially when our circumstances seem neither glorious nor joyful.<input type="checkbox"/> Ask God to grant us his Spirit so that we might be faithful in the small things, along with the big things he has entrusted to us.