

5. How would you define what the Bible means when it speaks of David as a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:21-22; see also 1 Samuel 13:13-14)?

**SERIES:** The David Story: Finding Strength in God (1 Samuel)

**SERMON 4:** "Influence"

**TEXT:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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6. What are the implications of the fact that "faithful people falter."

7. David receives the Holy Spirit after being anointed king. Dale Ralph Davis says, "The gift of the Holy Spirit is not merely gracious; it is severe. ...No sooner does the Spirit touch David than he is catapulted into endless trouble. ...David, the man with the Spirit, will be hunted and betrayed, trapped and escaping, hide in caves, live in exile, driven to the edge—right to the end of 1 Samuel." How has trouble transformed you and developed your character? (See Romans 5:3-5 and 1 Peter 1:6-7)

### 3 TRAITS GOD LOOKS FOR IN AN INFLUENCER

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1 Samuel 16:10-11

8. Looking back over this week's sermon, reading and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

2. F \_\_\_\_\_

1 Samuel 16:7; 13:13-14; Acts 13:21-22

## SMALL GROUP HOMEWORK & DISCUSSION GUIDE

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

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1 Samuel 16:13; Mark 1:12-13; 1 Peter 1:6-7; Acts 14:21-22; Romans 5:3-5

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Samuel, on his own, would have picked the wrong king. Saul was known for his looks and his stature but had been a failure. Yet Samuel was most attracted to the most impressive of Jesse's sons. How can you keep from being duped by outward appearances and focus on deeper issues when choosing a friend, a mate, an employee, a mentor, or any other person who will be significant in your life?
3. When David faces Goliath in the next chapter, he expresses a rigorous, confident faith in God and a jealousy for God's glory and honor. It is obvious that David has been cultivating his relationship with God long before the day when Samuel anoints him. How do we cultivate that kind of character in our own lives?
4. Eugene Peterson points out that people who have the greatest influence on our faith are usually not the experts (i.e., the professional clergy), but "ordinary" Christians. What can you learn about influencing others spiritually from someone who positively influenced your spiritual development?

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