

Biblical Leadership 1
1 Samuel 16:1-13

16 *The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."*

#1- LEADERS DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT PROBLEMS, THEY SOLVE PROBLEMS

- Process Proceeds Product.
- Leaders aren't born; they are made.

QUESTION SET 1-

- a- Write down the dreams and desires you have for your life.
- b- Write down the characteristics that you'd like to see come to fruition.
- c- Now, what *process* is it going to take in your life for you to achieve that *product*?

² *But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'*

³ *Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."*

⁴ *Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"*

⁵ *Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.*

#2- GREAT LEADERS HAVE THE RIGHT PRIORITIES

QUESTION SET 2-

- a- What are the top 3 priorities in your life?

- b- Look at your calendar and your bank statement to get an honest answer to your true priorities. Does the way you spend your time/money reflect the same priorities listed above?

⁶When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

#3- GREAT LEADERS ARE DEFINED BY THE RIGHT CHARACTERISTICS

-King Saul was a tall, strong man. Samuel was trying to find the next generation of leader based on the previous year's model.

QUESTION SET 3

- a- What are the characteristics of great leaders according to the world/secular culture?
- b- How do the following arenas define great leadership: politicians, sports, business world, your profession?
- c- What are the "outward appearances" or traits that people are looking for today in leaders?

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either."

⁹Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one."

¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these."

¹¹So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

QUESTION SET 4

- a- If you are a leader, who is the "David" in your office, group, church or team? The one that no one would ever consider, that doesn't meet the typical leadership narrative, or the one you've never considered before?
- b- If you don't consider yourself a leader, then why not? God has a history of using the most unassuming, seemingly insignificant, and unqualified people to be leaders.

¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

-4 details about David's unassuming life in vs 11-12:

- (1) He was an afterthought
- (2) he was the youngest (most inexperienced, least mature, and least qualified)
- (3) he didn't currently hold a leadership position
- (4) he didn't show much potential for leadership or meet the current list of leadership characteristics.

QUESTION SET 5

- a- Now that you've defined the traditional leadership traits according to the world's standards, what are the "uncharacteristic characteristics" of leadership according to Scripture?

¹³ 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 powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

#4- GREAT LEADERS HAVE A DEPENDANCY ON GOD'S SPIRIT IN THEIR LIFE

-As a leader, I can't think of a greater thing to have than for the Spirit of the Lord to be all over you. The Holy Spirit should mark your life, family, communication, decision making, and everything about you as a Christian leader.

QUESTION SET 6

- a- Have you ever seen a man/woman and thought to yourself, "God has really anointed that person" or "God's hand is really on that person's life?" Has anyone ever said that of you?
- b- What made you say that about someone else? What did you notice in their life that made you say or think that?
- c- What does a leader's life look like when it is marked by the Spirit of the Lord?