



Sunday, June 12th, 2016

The Life of David: Becoming a King

All summer at Grace we press into the singular life of David to see how God handles the people walking with Him. **The life of David, in all its complexities, is a story worth paying attention to.**

- *What are the impressions you have from past experiences hearing about David from the Bible?*

God's people have been forever **insecure, doubting** that God's promises will come to be. They want a king to be like all the other nations, so God gives them Saul and then eventually David.

- *Why is the pull to be like others so strong for the people in this part of history?*
- *Is it still true today of followers of God? In what ways specifically?*

Read **1 Samuel 16:1-13** together as a group, then re-read verses 6 and 7.

- *Of all of Jesse's sons, who does Samuel believe the king to be at first, and why?*
- *How does this passage describe David in appearance? How does Jesse describe David?*
- *How does God choose His king? How does God choose a people to follow Him? How does God choose his friends?*

We are seemingly **hard-wired to focus on the outward appearance** of others, and even go as far as to project the outward parts of our own lives that we deem worthy for others to see.

- *How can this way of seeing the world affect how we view God, and our relationship with Him?*

God cannot be fooled by outward appearance. He knows our heart, seeing all of who we are. He knows our flaws and yet, still peers into our heart and chooses us.

- *How does this truth show up in our lives practically?*
- *How does this truth shape how we deal with others in our life?*

Prayerfully read Romans 5:8 as a group, and pray a prayer of thankfulness that God isn't waiting for us to figure it out. He's picked you and put you in a place you don't belong, **in relationship with Him.**