



## Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *A Life God Blesses*

Text: 1 Samuel 16:7; 1 Samuel 8:7

Service Date: January 4, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

### Getting Started

- Looking back at 2025, what were the highlights? Did you take time to thank God for those good moments and continue serving faithfully in the tough times?
- When you've made New Years' resolutions, do you find that you're able to keep them, they don't happen, or you've given up even trying?

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### Sermon Discussion

- When you think of David, what image usually comes to mind first, and why do you think that part of his story stands out to you?
- The series is called *Shaped by God*. In what ways have you seen God shape people through ordinary or difficult circumstances rather than dramatic moments?
- The sermon compared David to being "Mr. Irrelevant." Have you ever felt overlooked, underestimated, or forgotten? How did that experience affect you?
- Read 1 Samuel 16:7. Why do you think God emphasizes the heart rather than outward appearance, especially when choosing leaders?
- Samuel struggled between mourning Saul and trusting God for the future. Are there areas in your life where you feel stuck between the past and what God might be calling you into next?
- David was faithfully tending sheep while God was preparing him for something greater. What "mundane" responsibilities has God placed in your life right now?
- Jesse didn't even invite David to the sacrifice. How does that detail change the way you think about God's calling and timing?
- The sermon highlighted sincerity as part of a heart God desires. What does genuine repentance look like in everyday life, not just in words?
- Why do you think humility is so essential for someone God wants to use? How is humility different from low self-esteem?

- David served Saul even after being anointed king. What does that teach us about serving faithfully even when recognition or reward seems delayed (or non-existent)?
  - David fought lions and bears in private before facing Goliath in public. How might God be using unseen moments in your life to prepare you for future challenges?
  - Compare Saul and David in 1 Samuel 16:13–14. What stands out most to you about the difference between their lives?
  - The sermon says the true difference wasn't appearance or ability, but the presence of God's Spirit. How do you recognize the Spirit's work in someone's life today? Is there any area of your life right now that is not following the Spirit (e.g. time, finances, serving with your abilities, etc.)?
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### **This Week's Action Response**

- Looking ahead in this series, what is one area of your heart you hope God will shape or refine as you walk through David's story?
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