

Discipleship Notes 2: June 2020

“Samuel Appoints David”

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Opening Worship

As a group, or on your own, read slowly through Psalm 32.

How would you describe David?

Welcome:

Previously Israel had asked for a king – to be like the other nations. Despite warning of the consequences of appointing a monarch, God had granted his people their king. Samuel had anointed Saul. Today we are going to read about God choosing a king to replace Saul. To begin with, we need to explore some of the reasons as to why Saul was no longer a suitable leader for God’s people.

Read: 1 Samuel 13: 1-15

- How old was Saul when he became king? How long did he reign for?
- Summarise the events recorded in this passage.
- What had Saul done wrong? Why do you think Saul chose this particular course of action?

Read: 1 Samuel 15: 1-31

- What had Saul done wrong?
- How did Samuel respond to the actions of Saul?
- List some of the ways in which Saul demonstrated he was no longer a suitable leader for the people of God.

Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

- How do we choose leaders in the following areas of life?
 - i) Business
 - ii) Politics
 - iii) Church
- Define the word 'leader'. What is it that makes – or does not make – a person a true leader?
- How did Samuel feel about the way things had turned out with Saul? See also 1 Samuel 15:35
- Describe the selection process for the new king.
- Why were Eliab and the others rejected?
- Do you think David was a suitable candidate for this position?
- How did God equip David to become King?
- What should our attitude be towards those who lead us? See, for example, Romans 13: 1-7.

Thought:

Imagine what it must have been like to be one of the following characters on the day that David was chosen to be king. Feel free to role play your responses!

- i) Jesse
- ii) Eliab
- iii) A town elder
- iv) Samuel

Prayer Pointers:

- Make a list of 'leaders' who are have a significant impact and influence at this time. Pray for them in their roles.
- We ask that God lead us through the routines and challenges of each day
- We remember those who are self-isolating at home.
- We pray for the staff and residents at our local care home, Austen House.
- We thank God for 'Earley Help hub' and good relations between our local churches.