

5. Do you have a “Saul” in your life that scares you or bothers you? How can God use your “Saul” to help you become a better Christian?

6. Who would anoint the new king? (Read 1 Samuel 16:3)

**2. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ANOINTING ARE GOD’S.**  
When Samuel went to Bethlehem to find the new king, he was in for a surprise. God’s ways are not man’s ways.

7. Why do you think the people of Bethlehem were afraid when Samuel came walking into town? (Read 1 Samuel 16:4)

8. Who was invited to the sacrifice? (Read 1 Samuel 16:5)

9. Why did Samuel think that Eliab would be the new king? (Read 1 Samuel 16:6)

10. How did God’s requirements and man’s requirements differ in the choice for a king? What does it mean when it says, “the Lord looks at the heart”? (Read 1 Samuel 16:7)

11. When have you made a mistake about someone’s character by looking merely at his or her outside?

12. Was David’s father guilty of judging his sons based on outward appearances? Do you see any parental mistakes that Jesse made when you read this passage? (1 Samuel 16:8-10)

**A. God Wants A Strong Spirit.**

13. How was David’s spirit strong? (Read 1 Samuel 16:11)

**B. God Wants A Servant Spirit.**

14. What was David doing when Samuel asked to see him? (1 Samuel 16:11)

15. What does God call David? (Read Psalm 89:20)

16. How did Jesus describe a godly leader? (Read Mark 9:35)

17. Whose needs does a good leader meet?

**C. God Wants A Special Spirit**

18. When God decided to place Joseph in the public eye, where was he? (Read Genesis 39:20)

19. Where was Moses? (Read Exodus 3:1-2)

20. Where was David? (1 Samuel 16:11)

21. Were any of these men seeking public recognition and fame when God decided to use them a mighty way? How were they prepared for public service by their private lives?

22. What event thrust David onto the public stage? (1 Samuel 17:49)

23. Why is it important that we have an active private life with the Lord? (Read Psalm 23:2-3 and Psalm 46:10)

24. What private things in your life have prepared you for a greater influence or a leadership role?

**II. THE RESPONSE TO ANOINTING IS GOD’S.**

Here’s David, just a teenager about sixteen years of age. Can you imagine what he must have smelled like as he walked into the house after tending sheep all day? His response to being anointed as the next king is quite interesting.

25. Let’s interrupt here for a moment. Let’s talk about David’s physical appearance—a good-looking boy with beautiful eyes and red hair. Most Jews have dark hair. He was unusually handsome. In light of this passage, do you think that God is against physical beauty? Who is the Creator of beauty? How should we handle physical beauty? (Read 1 Samuel 16:12)

26. Upon being anointed the next king of Israel, what came upon David? (1 Samuel 16:13) What left Saul? (1 Samuel 16:14)

27. What does it mean to be “filled with the Spirit”? (Read Ephesians 5:18)

28. After being anointed the new king of Israel, what do you think David did that day? (Keep in mind; although he may not have understood fully, David knew he would be the next king of Israel.)

29. How long was it between David’s anointing as the new king and his coronation? (2 Samuel 5:4)

30. What did he do in the meantime?

31. How does this bring encouragement to your life?

**CONCLUSION:** God knows exactly what He’s going to do, and nothing can restrain His bringing it to pass. When a man or a woman of God fails, nothing of God fails. When a man or a woman of God changes, nothing of God changes. When our lives are altered by the unexpected, nothing of God is altered or unexpected. God promises us that He planned from the get go (Isaiah 65:24). God knows what He is doing. While the nation of Israel was in turmoil over her unpredictable king, there on a Bethlehem hillside sat a little boy whom nobody noticed.... Except GOD..

## Second Baptist Church Sunday School Lessons Week 1 out of 18

### THE TENDER WARRIOR, THE LIFE OF DAVID

If ever there was a man that proved that God is the God of a second chance, it was King Saul. Before he became king, Saul was a very humble man who did not regard himself as important. After he became king, Saul turned into a selfish, angry, mean-spirited man whom no one enjoyed being around, not even his children. Some people just cannot handle position and power, and this disqualifies them for the job. So it was with Saul. Samuel caught Saul in three acts of disobedience to the Lord. When confronted by his disobedience, Saul tried to rationalize his sins (tell why it was okay in his case to be disobedient to God). Even when Saul did admit his guilt, he still offered excuses and blamed others for causing him to be disobedient. The real tragedy of Saul’s story is that he never fully repented of his sin. He was more concerned with his prestige and power among the people. There came a point in time that God could no longer tolerate Saul as King of Israel. He would choose a new king. Not a perfect man, but a man who would be willing to face his sins and accept responsibility for them. A man whose soul would burn like fire with the desire to do the will of the Lord.

1. In your own words, what is the difference between the way men choose a leader and the way God chooses a leader?

**I. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANNOINTING IS GOD’S. In the Book of Deuteronomy, God had said that He would give Israel a king, but when the people asked Samuel for a king, it was not the time. They did it out of their own pride and pleasure, not out of the will of God.**

2. Why did the Jews ask Samuel to give them a king? (Read 1 Samuel 8:5)

3. What do you think God was telling Israel about their choice for king? (Read Hosea 13:11)

4. Who was now choosing the king of Israel? (Read 1 Samuel 16:1)