



1 SAMUEL 15:35-16:1

GETTING STARTED...

The story of David's life is one of the greatest stories in our Bible. There is a good reason that it has been made into many different movies, TV shows, books, and plays. It is full of drama, intrigue, betrayals, and action. Of all the people in our Bible we get more about the life of David than any other person, chronicling nearly every decade of his life in detail. He was Israel's greatest king, a writer of Scripture, and a man after God's own heart. Yet his greatest accomplishment is showing us a picture of what Jesus will be like. As we begin looking at his life, we see that God's plan from the very beginning was to have a King sitting on the throne, and David will focus that picture for us, so that we can see it clearly in the life of Jesus.

READ THE TEXT: 1 SAMUEL 15:35-16:1

35 And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel. **16** The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

1. Look back at 1 Sam 15, why is Saul being rejected? How do we understand God's "regret" in vs 11, 35? Compare also Genesis 6:6. What does this teach us about God's heart toward sin?
2. Compare 16:1 with Deuteronomy 17:14-15. How does God's provision of a king differ from the people's demands in 1 Sam 8:18-20?

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been impressing on your heart from the sermon?

APPLYING THE POINT

5. What warning should we see in the example of Saul and how God responds to sin? What is the right way to respond to sin in our lives?
6. How does seeing God provide the means of accomplishing his own promises give us confidence that he will be faithful again?
7. Why is it so important for us to recognize that Jesus comes in the line of David? What difference does that make in our relationship with Jesus to recognize his kingship?

PRAYING & SHARING

1. How can you share what you have learned with... another believer? An unbeliever?
2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



How to Use this Guide

This guide is intended to help facilitate Promontory Small Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Small Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God.**

The Small Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word*, *Reflecting on the Sermon*, and *Applying the Point*. We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

*"Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them." - Psalm 111:2*