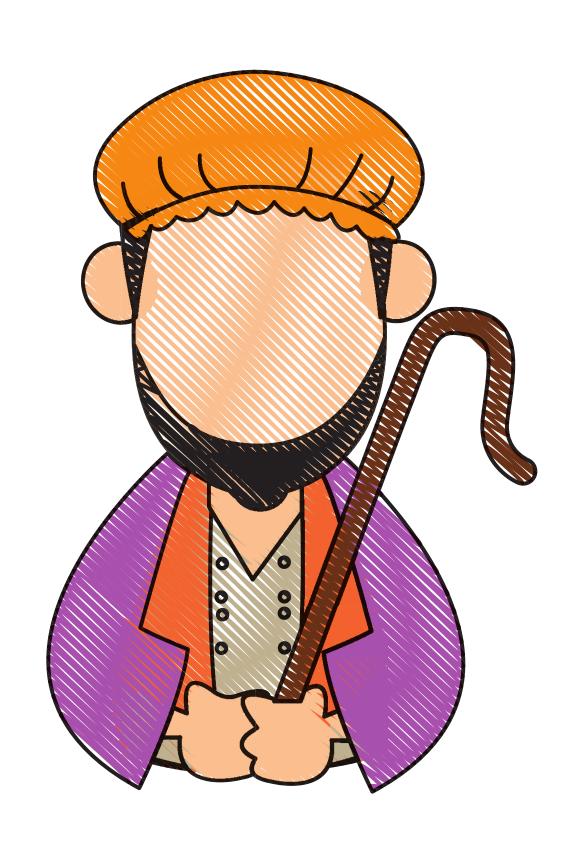


# IN THE WILDERNESS SERMON SERIES



# WEEK 1 From Shepherd to King

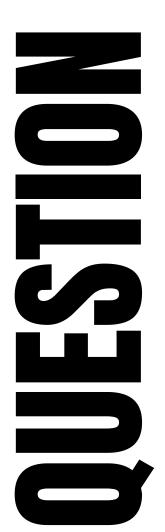
"Lessons in Preparation"

LAS LOMAS COMMUNITY CHURCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY WWW.LASLOMASCC.COM

### Before the Bible study,

 Please watch/listen to last Sunday's message at laslomascc.com/media

What's one thing about this week's message that stood out to you as something you needed to hear OR a question you had about the message?



### MAIN POINTS FROM THE SERMON

From David's experience, we see that we should ...

- EMBRACE THE WILDERNESS
- DRAW CLOSE TO GOD

The wilderness also gives us ...

LESSONS IN FAITH AND TRUST

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### **READ 1 Samuel 16:11-13**

- In verse 11, Jesse presents seven of his sons to Samuel, but the Lord rejects them all. Why do you think God didn't choose any of them?
  - What might this teach us about God's criteria for choosing leaders or individuals for specific tasks?
- David was not initially called by his father to meet Samuel. What does this tell us about how others might perceive our potential?
  - How do you think David's experience as a shepherd in the wilderness prepared him for his future role as king?

### **READ Psalm 63:1**

- How can acknowledging God as "my God" help us draw closer to Him in our own wilderness experiences?
- What might it look like when our physical or emotional strength falters, and we long for God's presence?
  - How can we turn to God for strength and renewal in these moments?

# LIVING IT OUT SECTION

Each day this week, take a moment to reflect on your "Wilderness Moments".

Write down the areas where you felt spiritually dry or distant from God and apply the following lessons to your life:

### God's Preparation Often Occurs in Obscurity

 Remember, just like David, we should be faithful and diligent in our everyday tasks, even if they seem small or unimportant. God can use these experiences to prepare us for greater responsibilities in His kingdom.

### God's Timing Is Perfect

 We must trust God's timing in our lives. Sometimes, we may feel ready for a certain role or responsibility, but God knows the perfect moment for us to step into it.

### God Equips Those He Calls

 God doesn't call us to tasks or roles without equipping us. As we step into the roles God has for us, we can trust that He will provide the wisdom, strength, and guidance we need through His Holy Spirit.

