

# KING DAVID — ♦ ♦ ♦ — AND HIS KING



**A Better King**– 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
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Saul has been rejected. What now?

As chapter 16 begins, we encounter the prophet Samuel, bereft. Without a King, the nation will collapse. But the Lord had already seen his man. One unlike any other; one after God's own heart; pure, whole, humble, faithful. A better Saul. And a better David.

Listen in as Lewis Roderick tells the story of King David's anointing and shows us how his story preaches Jesus our better King.

For personal reflection/community discussion

**Read** – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

**Examine** – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?

- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

**Apply** - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- At the beginning of the message, Lewis spoke of our instinctive biases towards certain types of people. Can you see this in yourself? Are you inclined to value some 'types' of people over other. What are they? Who are those you rarely go towards?
- "When leaders fall, the people suffer most." For the sake of the people, what role is the Lord asking you to play in the lives of your leaders? Pray for those you know in leadership.
- Take a look at Hannah's prayer from chapter 2. What themes from our story can you see in this passage? How might these encourage you and the church today?
- In a culture of influencers, how might David (and Christ's) obscurity inspire us?
- Christ died for every darkness in our hearts. Take a moment to rejoice before the Lord in this glorious truth. Because of Jesus, there is nothing that lurks within us that can condemn us.