

For God, by God

1 Samuel 16

God Always Does What is Best for God

- But He graciously includes His people in His story

How God Works

- He uses both willing and unwilling instruments to carry out His plan

Further Up and Further In

- Events in David's life point to something greater
- Our need for a greater and eternal King

God Being for God should fill us with Joy

- Because His glory and our good meet at the cross
- The event that brings Him maximum glory leads to our maximum good

Our Response

- Adoration. His Sovereignty is the basis for our praise
- Trust. The cross proves that God is for us in Christ
- Obedience. Our Spirit empowered participation

For Life Group Discussion

1 Samuel 16

1. When you hear "God always does what is best for God," what rises up in you? Resistance? Confusion? Comfort? Why?
2. Read 1 Sam 16:1-4a. Samuel obeys with only a partial plan. Is the Lord asking you to obey without full clarity right now? Explain. What concrete step can you take this week?
3. God advances His plan through surprising instruments and unexpected circumstances. Where have you seen God do this in your life or in our church? How might this strengthen our patience when we can't see the big picture?
4. Read Rom 3:21-26 & Isa 53:10-11. How do these passages support the statement that "God's glory and our good meet at the cross"?
5. Three points of application were emphasized in the message:
 - Adoration. How does the truth of the Sovereignty of God draw you into worship? How will that express itself this week, practically?
 - Trust. How do these truths address your anxiety, worry, and concerns for the future? (Read Rom 8:31-39)
 - Obedience. What is one Spirit-empowered step you can take this week? Explain what, when, and with whom

Homework: Read and study 2nd Timothy 4:1-8 in preparation for next Sunday's message