



## STUDY GUIDE

June 13, 2021

**Message Series:**

David

**Message Title:**

More Than Meets the Eye

**Teaching Pastor:**

Brian Hughes

### Warm-up/Icebreaker:

If you had to go without one of your senses (touch, taste, smell, feel and hear), which sense would it be? Explain your answer.

And/Or Have you ever had some life experience that affected your senses either positively or negatively?

### Pray:

Dear Lord, we come together to praise You for who You are and for what You can do in and through us. Your Word gives evidence that You can do extraordinary things through ordinary people. Help us to be open to exploring components of King David's life and how we can all find relevant applications to our lives. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Get Started:

"The part of the Bible we're going to look at for the next few weeks is sort of a biography of David, son of Jesse, who is always in the background of our faith journey whether we know it or not. And what we can learn from his story...what we can learn about ourselves from his journey and, most importantly, how we can be better, more effective, more world-shaping because of him." -Pastor Brian Hughes

**Read 1 Samuel 16:7.** (For further study read all of 1 Samuel 16)

- How does our culture "measure" people?

**Read Acts 13:22.**

- In comparison, how does GOD measure a person? In other words, what matters to God? David is often called "the King of hearts" because he was the "man after God's own heart." What does that mean?

**Watch and Discuss Video:** (running time 12:54)

As pastor Brian shared, Israel's first king was Saul. With all his potential, Saul's life was an utter failure. At each critical moment in his life, he ALMOST obeyed God. Take some time to evaluate one of these defining moments in Saul's life.

Saul is told by the man of God (Samuel) to wait for 7 days for Samuel to show up and make the appropriate sacrifices to God. Then, God would give them victory over the enemy. What happens?

**Read 1 Samuel 13:10-13.**

- What does Saul do?
- Who does Saul blame for his disobedience?

Saul's heart was undevoted. Saul "almost" obeyed God, and as a result was rejected as king over Israel. It was now time for a NEW king...someone with a better heart. Samuel, was given this assignment—go find my NEW king from among Jesse's sons.

**Read 1 Samuel 16:6.**

- Why do you think Samuel made this snap judgment?
- Read 1 Samuel 16:7-10. Describe the vibe. What's going on here?
- Read 1 Samuel 16:11. Visualize this scene—what's funny about it?
- Read 1 Samuel 16:11-13. What do you think David's brothers were thinking in this moment? What do you think David was thinking?

**Reflect and Commit:**

"Our eyes are incredible gifts, but we've got to stop using them to assess value. God sees the heart, and we want our hearts to chase after His - to pursue the things that will make us more like Him, closer to Him, and more effective for Him.

To those of us who assign our personal value based on what we look like, We may look at our outward appearance, but God looks at our heart. To those of us who immediately assume that other people act, believe or behave a certain way because of what they look like - their body style, skin color or other features, we might think we know based on outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. So to those who are truly interested in pursuing God, let's try to be more like Him as we close our eyes in the hopes of gaining His insight. Because people look at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart." - Pastor Brian Hughes

- As you look into your heart (the inner you...the you at the core of your being...the you that is hidden to others), what do you see? Describe the condition of your heart....How do you feel knowing that God is looking at YOUR heart right now?

**Read Proverbs 4:23.**

- What does that mean and how can you do a better job at it?

If time permits, slowly read aloud a few of David's "psalms" he wrote about the heart.

- **Psalm 51:1-10**
- **Psalm 42:1-8**
- **Psalm 139:1-18**

**Pray:**

Dear Lord, search our hearts, test our anxious thoughts, see if there is any offensive way in us and lead us in your way everlasting. Our disobedience can slowly set us off course and destroy our potential. We ask for Your forgiveness when we fall short and humbly ask to experience Your blessing. Restore, renew and refresh our spirits so that we will be described as people after Your own heart. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.