Anointed

1 Samuel 16

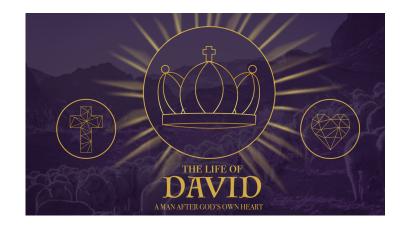
Big idea: The book of David begins with his anointing in Bethlehem.

Connecting

Lunch tomorrow is any kind of sandwich you would like. What will it be?

Observation

Many people seem fascinated by British royalty – why do you suppose this is?



Understanding

Read 1 Samuel 15. What was Saul's great problem? Why didn't God just overlook this?

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13. God instructs Samuel to use ordinary means to protect himself from Saul. What is the problem with always praying for God to use extraordinary means? How does this affect our evangelism?

Read Proverbs 31:30, 31. Why does God need to instruct us that charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain? How did we get so obsessed with things that aren't real?

How do we see Jesus in this David story?

Living

What is the secret to developing character?

How do we become the kind of person who refuses to be caught up in appearances?

How do you see people today longing for someone to "watch over (them)"?

Looking ahead:

Read 1 Samuel 17 – perhaps at least a portion of it. How do you see Jesus in this story?

Prayer together: