



*The Crown: Week 1*  
*Enter the Unlikely King*

Big Idea: God calls and prepares the unlikely David to accomplish the uncommon for His kingdom.

Read the Bible:

1 Samuel 15:1-34

1 Samuel 16:1-13

**STUDY**

\*\*\* Before interacting with this guide, all leaders should study the referenced texts using the REAP Method. It's also important to encourage your group members to read the text using the **REAP Method**. \*\*\*

**R: Read the text a couple of times through**

**E: Examine the text. What does the text say? What does the text mean?**

**A: Apply the text. How should the text change your life?**

**P: Pray to God in response.**

**Summary**

The future of the Crown in Israel is up in the air. God had never intended for the people of Israel to be ruled by a human king. God himself was supposed to be the King of Israel, ruling the people directly. However, the people of Israel had other ideas, so they cried out for a king to rule over them desiring to be like the other nations. They were given Saul. In 1 Samuel 15 we come to Saul's tragic disobedience which would ultimately cost him the throne.



Then enters the most unlikely of kings, David the shepherd boy. Picture the scene, Samuel has come to anoint a new king and God directs him to the youngest of Jesse's sons, a teenager not even old enough to serve in the military. This was the unlikely king that God would use to turn the hearts of Israel back to him and one day bring about the Savior of the world. God's plan was coming together.

Shortly after Samuel anoints David, God's plan takes an unexpected turn. David returns to the field to keep the sheep, the King of Israel back to solitude, obscurity, monotony. Eventually David splits his time between playing the harp to comfort a troubled Saul and tending His family's sheep. However, it was in this unexpected turn of events that God was preparing His unlikely King for an uncommon work.

### **Major Lessons**

The story of David's calling teaches believers many lessons:

1. God is always working to accomplish His plan and purpose.

1 Samuel 16: 1 – The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”

2. God is not concerned with our outside impressiveness. Instead, He is worried about the inner condition of our heart.

1 Samuel 16:7 – <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”

3. God uses the unlikely to accomplish the uncommon for his kingdom.

1 Corinthians 1:28 – <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are.



## **Leading Your Group**

**Community Time – Start group by asking for Prayer requests and checking in on everyone.**

### **Bible Study**

\*\*\*Have everyone in your group read assigned scripture before meeting.\*\*\*

#### **Start Group by Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

**Discuss** (The following questions are meant as suggested questions to guide conversation.)

1. What did this passage teach you about God?
2. Why was Saul rejected as King? (Refer to 1 Samuel 15 as needed)
3. What do you think it means that God looks on the heart? How can we have hearts that are pleasing to God?
4. How does it encourage you that God uses unlikely people to accomplish uncommon things?
5. What barriers did David have to overcome in order to be the man God had asked him to be? What are barriers you must overcome in order to become the woman or man God has asked you to be?
6. In what ways is God preparing you like He prepared David in the pasture?
7. Is there any other way that this passage challenged you in your relationship with God?

## **Resources**

1. <https://www.insight.org/resources/daily-devotional/individual/a-man-of-integrity>
2. <https://summitchurch.com/message/david-gods-hero>
3. [https://www.amazon.com/Exalting-Samuel-Christ-Centered-Exposition-Commentary/dp/0805499318/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=2WMX17U800XTN&dchild=1&keywords=christ+centered+exposition+1+samuel&qid=1628533496&sprifix=1+Samuel+Christ+centered+ex%2Caps%2C205&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Exalting-Samuel-Christ-Centered-Exposition-Commentary/dp/0805499318/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2WMX17U800XTN&dchild=1&keywords=christ+centered+exposition+1+samuel&qid=1628533496&sprifix=1+Samuel+Christ+centered+ex%2Caps%2C205&sr=8-1)