

SEEING DIFFERENTLY

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The Passage

I Samuel 16:1-13

Questions

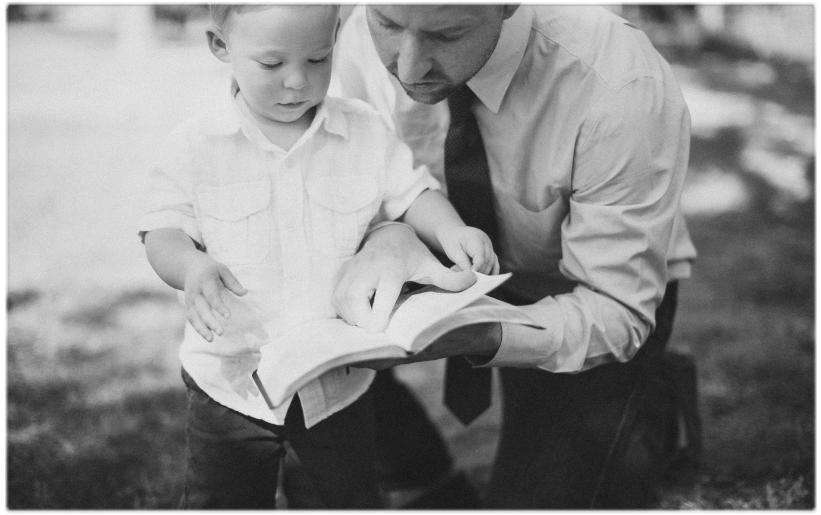
Describe the abilities and characteristics that make a good leader. Who do you picture as a good leader?

What was Samuel looking for when he met Jesse's family?

How can we as a family seek to have David's "heart like God?"

Prayer

God... We confess that often our hearts are nothing like Yours. We struggle to care and love those around us and we find it hard to seek Your face. As a family, we want the heart of God. Make us more each day into people who touch the world with Your heart.



The Story

In the ancient world, the king was the glory of a nation. A king was to be the strongest, most righteous, most just, and most powerful. He was supposed to be the best example of a person in the entire country. Now Israel had a good king, at least he looked good. But King Saul, though he was a great warrior and great looking, only looked good. At his heart, he was nothing like a person who should lead God's people. So God has his prophet Samuel go seek out a better king... and God already had someone in mind. He sends Samuel to meet a family in the town of Bethlehem. When Samuel arrives, the family walks out to greet this man of God. As he looks at the family, Samuel is convinced that one of these gifted young men in front of him will be the next king. But God had a different plan in mind. You see, while Samuel was looking for the outward characteristics of a king—the height, the power, the intelligence—God was looking for the right heart. It turned out that the right heart was not in one of the men standing in front of Samuel, but in a young boy named David left to tend the sheep out in the field. As He saw in David, God is looking for something in us today, a heart after His own. God's heart is a heart that seeks the Lord before everything else, a heart that cares for the broken and hurting, and a heart that has the courage to do what is right. The truth is that you and I can never be perfect as our Savior is. But we can be like our Lord in that we can seek His heart, a heart that beats like His.