

Going deeper

In Luke's gospel, unlike Matthew and Mark, Luke starts the narrative of Jesus's ministry with his rejection at Nazareth. This enables Luke to introduce many of the key themes of Jesus's ministry right at the start and give us an anticipation of what is to come.

Read Luke 4:14-29

5. What is it about Jesus that enabled his ministry to be highly praised? (cf. 3:21-22) How does this parallel David's story?
6. Luke emphasises Jesus's claim that Isaiah 61:1-2 (quoted in verses 18 and 19) is fulfilled by Jesus. What is the purpose of Jesus being anointed by the Holy Spirit?
7. How does the role described in Isaiah 61:1-2 fit with an ideal ruler? (You might like to read all of Isaiah 61).
8. What did the people of Nazareth fail to see and understand about Jesus? (cf. 3:21-22)
9. How does their rejection of Jesus point forward to the cross? (cf. Isaiah 53:2-3; John 1:9-11)

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Week Beginning
Sunday 17th June 2018**

Growth Team News

This week Growth Teams start on a new topic: *David: God's King*. We will be following our Sunday morning talks as we look at this very important character in the Bible story.

**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever**



David Chosen

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (page 287)

Space to take notes on the talk

Samuel's _____

- Eli, the Prophet with _____
- Saul, the King with _____

Samuel's _____

- A _____ - 16:1
- _____ - 16:2-5
- God's Choice: _____ - 16:6-10
- God's Choice: _____ - 16:11-12
- David: _____ - 16:13

Lessons for Today:

1. What do we _____?
2. What do we _____?
3. What do we _____?

Starter question

❖ Who do you think is the best-looking celebrity today?

Responding to the talk

1. What 'headline' would you give to today's talk?
2. Read 1 Samuel 16:1-3
 - a. What had impressed Samuel about Saul (cf. 10:24)?
 - b. Why had God rejected Saul? (cf. 13:13-14; 15:26)
 - c. Why was Samuel's obedience to God (vs. 4) impressive?
3. Read 1 Samuel 16:4-10
 - a. In what ways was Eliab like Saul?
 - b. What is important to God in a new king? (cf. 13:13-14)
 - c. How does the story help to emphasise David's uniqueness?
4. Read 1 Samuel 16:11-13
 - a. Why is David a surprising choice as king?
 - b. In verse 12 we are told that David has 'beautiful eyes' and is a 'good looker'? Does this contradict the point made in verse 7? What might the narrator be saying about David?
 - c. Why is it important to learn about the Spirit coming on David? (cf. 10:1,9; 16:14)

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

10. What priorities or patterns in our lives might we need to change in order to care more for our heart attitudes than our outward appearance?
11. How can we make sure we strive to get to know people's heart attitudes, rather than just look at their appearance? (cf. Proverbs 20:5)