

**Message 11
Serving**

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► **Outline**

Today's Message based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 25:1.

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.
Galatians 5:13 (NLT)

A. Introduction

**(1 Samuel 16:1-5. C/R: Proverbs 29:25; Micah 5:2;
Matthew 2:6; 10:28)**

B. Qualifications for Serving God:

(1 Samuel 16:1-13. C/R: Romans 12:11)

1. _____ for God.

**(1 Samuel 16:6-10. C/R: 1 Samuel 13:14; Proverbs 4:23;
Jeremiah 17:10; Luke 6:45)**

2. _____ faithfulness.

**(1 Samuel 16:11-12,14-23. C/R: Matthew 25:21;
1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Galatians 6:4-5; 1 Peter 5:6)**

3. _____ empowered.

**(1 Samuel 16:13. C/R: Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8;
Ephesians 3:16)**

Answers: 1. Heart 2. Humble 3. Holy Spirit

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. Carve out time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Where did you fall in your family's birth order and how has this impacted you?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#).

1. Imagine you were in Jesse's living room while this drama was unfolding. What would you have learned about the following characters?
 - a. Jesse
 - b. Samuel
 - c. David
 - d. God
2. On what basis do you tend to judge people?

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|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| ___ talent | ___ lifestyle | ___ appearance |
| ___ education | ___ character | ___ occupation |
| ___ intelligence | ___ religious beliefs | ___ potential |
| ___ accomplishments | ___ possessions | other _____ |

(For more on the importance of the heart, see: [Psalm 19:14](#); [37:4](#); [51:10](#); [Proverbs 4:23](#); [14:30](#); [Matthew 5:8](#); [Luke 6:45](#); [Ephesians 3:16-19](#).)
3. Knowing *the LORD looks at the heart* ([vs. 7](#)) versus outward appearance, what can you do to make your heart more attractive to God?
4. If you had been one of David's brothers, how would you have felt watching your younger brother get chosen?
5. How does David show humble faithfulness, and why is this important? What are some *smaller things* you could be more faithful with? (See also: [Luke 16:10-12](#); [19:11-27](#))

6. Read [1 Samuel 16:13](#) again. What is the role of God's Spirit in our day according to the following passages?
 - a. [John 16:13-15](#)
 - b. [Acts 1:8](#)
 - c. [1 Corinthians 2:9-12](#)
7. Do you have any specific examples of ways God's Spirit has been working in your life recently? If so, describe.
8. What's your biggest takeaway from this week's teaching?

Soul Training: *Creating Space for God's Spirit to Work*

Read [Romans 8:26-27](#). Pause in silence throughout the week and ask the Holy Spirit what He is praying for you. Listen quietly for God to reveal Himself. Rather than jumping right in and asking God for what you think you need, use this time to allow God to guide the conversation. Make this a regular practice as you create space for God's Spirit to work in your life.

If you've never experienced God's forgiveness and grace, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org or call [864.688.8211](tel:864.688.8211).

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#)

Day 4: [John 16:13-15](#)

Day 2: [Proverbs 4:23](#)

Day 5: [1 Corinthians 2:9-12](#)

Day 3: [Luke 16:10-12](#)

Prepare for Easter

Next week we will celebrate what Jesus has made available to us through His life, death and resurrection. As you prepare your heart to receive Him, and worship Him, prayerfully read [John 19:16b-20:29](#).

