

# 1 Samuel 16:1-23

*Pray*

*Sermon headings:*

*A lowly king*

*An ironic twist*

## **Read 1 Samuel 16:1-23**

1. What has happened so far in 1 Samuel?
  
2. In what sense is this a new beginning?
  
3. How does verse 7 unlock the main teaching point of this passage for us?
  - What does Samuel seem to be looking for in a king?
  
  - What does God seem to be looking for in a king?
  
4. If we see things as the world sees them, how will we see:
  - Ourselves (if we're impressive in some way – perhaps successful, good looking or wealthy – and if we're not)?
  
  - Jesus?

- Others (if they're impressive in some way – perhaps successful, good looking or wealthy – and if they're not)?

5. If we see things as God sees them, how will we see:

- Ourselves (as above)?

- Jesus?

- Others, especially in the church (as above)?

***Read Philippians 2:1-11***

6. In what ways are we to be like Jesus?

7. What might this look like in practice?

*Take time to share prayer requests and to pray about the things you've discussed.*