

# LIFE Group Guide

The Shaping of a Godly Heart: Anointed

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1 Samuel 16:1-13

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## Sermon Outline

I. How David was Anointed (Exposition of 1 Sam. 16:1-13)

II. A Godly Heart is Shaped By:

1. The Word of God
2. The People of God
3. The Spirit of God

## Memory Verse:

*“For the LORD sees not as man sees:  
man looks on the outward appearance,  
but the LORD looks on the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)*

### **1. REVIEW**

Have the group share about how they applied last week's sermon.

- o “You said you would \_\_\_\_\_. How did that go?”
- o “What did God do in your life this week through your obedience?”

### **2. R.E.C.A.P. – Read, Engage, Connect, Apply, Pray**

#### Read the Word

- **Main Question:** What is the passage from this week's sermon?

#### Engage the Word

- **Main Question:** What was something in this passage that stood out to you?

- Additional Follow-up Questions:
  - How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the passage?
  - What other Bible verses came to your mind that speak into this passage?
  - What does this passage reveal about God? About mankind?
  - In your own words, how would you summarize the passage?
  - Is there anything you didn't understand?

- **Main Question:** How does this passage point to or reflect Jesus Christ?

- Additional Follow-up Questions:
  - Does Jesus fulfill something in this passage?

- Is there a problem in this passage that Jesus has overcome?
- How does Jesus bring future hope to this passage?

### **Connect the Word:**

- **Main Question:** How does this passage connect to our lives right now?
  - Additional Follow-up Questions:
    - Is there something in this passage that is similar or different from what we are experiencing?
    - How does this passage connect to your personal life circumstances?
    - How does this passage connect to our life as the church?
    - How does this passage connect to our lost world?

### **Apply the Word:**

- **Main Question:** Is there a promise for you to believe, a command to obey, a warning to heed, an example to follow, or a sin to confess?
  - Additional Follow-up Questions:
    - In one or two sentences, what is the next practical step(s) you will take going forward this week?
    - What truth about God and His gospel will motivate your application this week?
    - How can we as a LIFE Group help you, root for you, or hold you accountable?

### **Pray the Word:**

- **Main Question:** Ask God for the power to comprehend and obey all that He has revealed in His preached Word this week.
  - Additional Follow-up Questions:
    - What did we learn in this passage that makes us want to praise and thank God?
    - What sin in this passage do we need to confess to God?
    - What help or hope in this passage do we need to ask of God?

## **3. RESOLVE**

After you close in prayer, take some time to solidify your group's plan for application of the Word and prayer for each other throughout the week ahead.