

KING OF HEARTS



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Key Verse:

"Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7-8, ESV).

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Questions:

1. When Samuel goes to Jesse to consider his sons as the next king, why do you think God says "No" to the first 10 of Jesse's sons? What's point do you think God is trying make?
2. Read 1 Samuel 16:7-8. What stands out to you about this verse?
3. A legendary evangelist in church history, named D.L. Moody, once said, "The world has yet to see what God can do with a person fully surrendered to Him." What do you think keeps you from being this person right now?
4. Saul gives us an example of what it looks like when 1) our identity is found in someone or something else other than God, and 2) when these things shift. From the traits below, what can you most relate with?
 - Anger
 - Jealousy
 - Paranoia
 - Manipulation/Control
5. Jonathan gives us an incredible example of what it looks like to be able to give up the thing(s) that we could be tempted to view as our identity and self-worth. What's that thing (boyfriend/girlfriend, friend, video game, sports/hobby) that if you lost, you feel you'd lose your status with people?
6. The more our identity is found *in* Jesus, the more our purpose is *for* Jesus. How do you see your identity in Christ changing your purpose each day?

Wrap Up

In a world full of social media and false ideas of true identity, remember how valuable you are to Jesus, and that Jesus can do anything with a person who entrusts their whole heart to Him!

Our identity is found in Jesus.

When God is KING of our heart, we believe we are who Jesus says we are.

You are God's special possession (1 Peter 2:9).

You have been chosen by God to be a world changer (Deuteronomy 14:2; John 15:16-19).

You are God's treasure (Deuteronomy 26:18).

You are irreplaceable. God has chosen you, with YOUR personalities and gifts (1 Thessalonians 1:4).

You are absolutely buried in God's love (1 John 3:1).

God says, "You are worth dying for" (1 John 3:16).

You are forgiven (Ephesians 1:7).

You are His child—nothing can change that. (1 John 3:1).

You are eternally secure, and no one and nothing can alter that! (2 Corinthians 1:22)

You are free from sin and have the power to live a life of righteousness! (Romans 6:18)

You are precious to God (Isaiah 43:4).