



Zoom Community Group Lesson – August 14, 2022

I am Chosen - Main Point

I am chosen and God desires for me to choose Him.

Scripture

- 1 Samuel 16:7
 - “The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Prayer Time

- Spend a couple of minutes in praise and prayer to God.

Praise and Worship

- Hillsong Worship – Who You Say I Am
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKw6uqtGFfo>
- Chris Tomlin – Chosen Generation
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAbkwsTOOgQ>

Memory Verse

- Psalm 139:14
 - *“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”*

Review of Last Week

- Last week we focused on the idea that we are each created in the image of God and that we are unique. I am unique and created in God’s image. So are you. I hope you remembered to thank God for who we are and who He made us to be. He loves each of us and He made each of us exactly how we are made to be. We should thank God and be content for what He has given us. Do you also remember that God made everyone in His image? Even the person who has hurt you or made life difficult for you? Do you have someone like that in your life? Did you remember to pray for them this week?

Lesson

- Today we’ll take a look at David in 1 Samuel 16 where God chooses David as future king of Israel. He isn’t chosen because of what he looked like or even what he did, but because of his heart for God.
- We will see how not only God chose David, but David chose God and we can too!

- The people of Israel had wanted a king other than God; so God gave them what they wanted – a King named Saul. Now this is King Saul of the Old Testament, not Saul of the New Testament that became Paul! King Saul however did not love God with all his heart; he had become proud and his heart became hard.
- So God chose another king, and he chose someone based on that person's heart. God surprised everyone and actually chose a young boy.
- He chose the youngest son of Jesse, in fact this eighth son. When God told the prophet Samuel to anoint David to be the next king, Samuel at first could not believe it, because David was so young, and also because David's brothers appeared to be taller and looked more handsome than David. But God said to Samuel, "The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."
- God had chosen David as king because of David's heart, NOT because of his appearance, what he did, or even his age. Some Bible scholars believed that David was just around 12 years old when Samuel went to his Father's house and anoint him to be the next king. Anointing means putting oil on someone's head in a religious ceremony. In Bible times, oil was put on a king's head as a sign of divine appointment.
- There is a verse in the New Testament that talks about David's heart. Acts 13:22 says, "God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after My own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'"
- God not only had chosen David, but David had also chosen God. David had a deep belief and trust in God. David had chosen to trust God; it was an act of His will. He decided He wanted God more than anything else.
- Many of Psalms in the Book of Psalms were written by David (like Psalm 139, our memory verse), and several of them he wrote while he was out tending the sheep as a young boy! That tells us that David spent time alone with God out there in the pastures. He spent time praying and worshiping and even thinking about Bible verses.
- God has chosen each one of us, too. He created us and loves us. But something in us separates us from Him and His love...something called sin. Sin is anything against God; it's basically when we put ourselves in God's place and think and act like we know better than He does. It may be doing things we know we shouldn't do or it may be not doing something we know God wants us to do, but we don't want to. Sin could be something that look as little as being mean to someone, talking bad things about them or "thinking" wrong thoughts. These things separate us from God.
- But we can always turn to Jesus and ask for his forgiveness and decide to follow him. He will then make our relationship right with God and we become children of God.

- I know many of you have done this already and that is great. But if you haven't, do you want to? If you may think you are not quite ready, it's OK. Don't just go through the motions because a friend does or you think others expect you to. Remember, it's not about the outward appearance or actions; God sees our heart. If this is you, keep seeking God, keep learning and asking questions. We can do that at church or home reading our Bible. Hey, we have all been in your shoes and are here to help.
- You see, David was chosen when he was still a young boy. He did not become king until much later in this life. God used him and prepared him while he was young until he became king.
- We have a choice to trust God with our life here and now on this earth and also with our forever life. When we say YES to Jesus and choose Him as our Lord and Savior, He will come into our lives and be with us now and forever! Our God has already chosen you, do you want to choose Him?

Application and Group Discussion

- Why was the prophet Samuel surprised when God told him to anoint David as the future king? (*David's brothers looked like better candidates than David was*)
- What lesson did God teach Samuel and us about how He chooses? (*God does not look at things people look at, He looks at the heart*)
- Why did people say David was a person after God's own heart? (*Even though he was not perfect, he was hungry for God, he sought after God, he had a passion for spiritual things, and he tried to please God despite his failures*)
- God has chosen you, how can you choose Him? (*By admitting that we are sinful in nature, we need Jesus to forgive our sins. Then ask the Lord Jesus to come into your heart and be your Lord and Savior*)
- What are some ways of the unique and special things that you are good at that might be something that God wants you to use to help tell others about Jesus? (*encouragement, making others happy, sports, music*)

Live it Out Challenge

- Do you believe that you have been chosen by God? Do you believe that God has a purpose just like He had with David? Now none of us will become King or Queen, but it doesn't mean that it is less important. God chose David and then used him and prepared him as a young boy to become the future king. David chose God too by trusting in Him. Let's show how happy we are to be chosen by God by choosing Him, following Him and loving Him with all of our heart. Let's show God how much we love Him by doing something to thank Him this week. Some examples might be, being kind to someone, listening to worship music, reading our Bibles, sending an encouraging note to someone, or telling someone how much you appreciate them.

Additional Learning

- This is the time where people can work on the crossword puzzle or color the picture.

Word Search

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