



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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1 Samuel 16:4–13 Scripture Handout English Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

(1 Samuel 16:4) Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

(1 Samuel 16:5) And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

(1 Samuel 16:6) When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him."

(1 Samuel 16:7) But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

(1 Samuel 16:8) Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

(1 Samuel 16:9) Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

(1 Samuel 16:10) And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."

(1 Samuel 16:11) Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here."

(1 Samuel 16:12) And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he."

(1 Samuel 16:13) Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?