



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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1 Samuel 16:4–13 Scripture Handout New International Version

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

(1 Samuel 16:4) Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

(1 Samuel 16:5) Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

(1 Samuel 16:6) When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

(1 Samuel 16:7) But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

(1 Samuel 16:8) Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."

(1 Samuel 16:9) Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one."

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

(1 Samuel 16:11) So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

(1 Samuel 16:12) So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

(1 Samuel 16:13) So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then 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?