



**1 Samuel 16:6-14 (compare 13:14)**

How do man's perspectives and priorities often differ from God's when searching for a leader?

What background and experience did David have to prepare him for leadership? What ultimately made David "the Lord's anointed"?

**1 Samuel 17:32-40, 45-47**

From an earthly perspective what might have disqualified David from going out against Goliath? What was the source of David's confidence and courage? What motivated him to take the initiative here?

**1 Samuel 18:12-16**

What was the source of David's success as a military commander? Was winning the favor of the people primary or secondary to David's success as a leader?

**1 Samuel 22:1-2**

What type of people does David end up leading at this point in his life? What challenges might this have brought?

**1 Samuel 23:1-14; 24:3-7**

What patterns of leadership does David establish early on with these men? What qualities do these actions demonstrate? Can you think of other examples where David demonstrates these qualities?

**1 Samuel 30:1-8**

How does David handle this tragedy that turned his followers against him and deeply shook their confidence in his leadership?

**2 Samuel 2:1-9; 4:5-12**

How does David seek to establish his kingdom after Saul's death? How does he handle those who sought to help establish his kingdom by taking things into their own hands and committing acts of violence? What principles about godly leadership can we learn from this?

**2 Samuel 5:10-12**

What are we told David was aware of regarding his kingdom? How would this affect the way he approached his role as king?

**1 Chronicles 13:1-10**

With the patterns of leadership we have observed earlier in David's life, what is the glaring problem in his conduct here? What lesson did he learn through this? (***1 Chron 15:13***)

***FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY***

**2 Samuel 7:1-3**

When blessed with rest and prosperity, what was David's first thought?

**2 Samuel 11:1-11**

In this situation, how did David handle the opportunity of rest at home differently? How is this contrasted with the response of Uriah to an opportunity of rest at home? Where was Uriah's focus and concern?