



## WEEK 1 | THE ONE HE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR...

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### 1 SAMUEL 16:6-12 (NIV)

6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." 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." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." 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." 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."

### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-17 (NIV)

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

# NOTES

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)



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# GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

When have you felt looked down on by someone, or that you didn't "measure up?" What contributed to that - your gender, size, family, job, etc?

Read 1 Samuel 16:6-12. What did God tell Samuel NOT to consider in verse 6? How does God see people (verse 7)? How do you feel reading this? What are some reasons that you have looked down on others? What assumptions based on "first impressions" do you sometimes make?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-17. What does how we see other people have to do with our faith in Jesus? How do you see Jesus now? How is he changing the way you see others?

## A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

2 Corinthians 5:16 (NLT) - We have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!

## TAKE A STEP:

Write a list of some people you see every day - from a family member to a coworker to the barista at Starbucks. Place it in a place where you can see it, and pray each day that God would help you see them the way he does.



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# ALL IN, TOGETHER

## GENERAL OFFERING

2023 Weekly Budget:	\$10,187
Given September 3rd:	\$10,432
Difference:	\$245

2023 Annual Budget:	\$529,724
2023 Budget YTD:	\$356,545
2023 Given YTD:	\$314,005
Difference:	(\$42,540)

## BUILD YOUR CHURCH FUND

BYC September 3rd:	\$28,346
BYC YTD:	\$137,393
BYC Total Given:	\$459,886

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