

**A Secret Coronation: The Plan of God in the Eyes of Man**  
**1 Samuel 16**  
**October 11, 2020**

**I. The Spirit of the Lord Rushes on David (V. 1-13)**

- A. The failure of man will never \_\_\_\_\_ the plan of God.
- B. Wicked men \_\_\_\_\_ God's plan.
- C. God's plan is \_\_\_\_\_ with man's eyes.
- D. The Spirit of the Lord is God rushing into a person's heart to (Ezekiel 36:25-27):
  - 1. Enable \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord's commands.
  - 2. Eradicate \_\_\_\_\_ against the Lord's commands.
  - 3. Equip to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's mission.

**II. The Spirit of the Lord Departs from Saul (V. 14-23)**

- A. The Spirit of the Lord in the Old Testament (Isaiah 59:21):
  - 1. Did not possess \_\_\_\_\_ of God's covenant people.
  - 2. Was not a guaranteed \_\_\_\_\_ benefit.
- B. Fighting God's plan is a \_\_\_\_\_ battle.
- C. Following God's plan is a \_\_\_\_\_ battle.

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13
2. In verse 1, Samuel is still grieving over the failed leadership of Saul and God has to confront him to make him move on. What is it like to be traumatized by failed leadership in the church? What is the difference between being rightly troubled by the sin of fallen leaders and using our grief as a crutch to not continue in God's mission?
3. Though Saul knows full well he has been replaced in God's eyes as king of Israel, Samuel believes Saul will kill him if he tries to anoint a new king. What does this tell you about Saul's heart for God's plan? What are some reasons a person who knows God's plan would still decide to fight against it?
4. Saul partially obeyed God's command, but claimed he obeyed all of it in verse 13. Have you ever tried to follow God on your own terms, as Saul did? What does that look like?
5. Verse 13 says the Spirit of the Lord rushed on David from that time on. Read Ezekiel 36:24-26. What are some of the functions of the Spirit of the Lord in the heart of a person? How have you seen the Holy Spirit perform these functions in your heart?
6. Read 1 Samuel 16:14-24
7. Since Christians today cannot "lose" their salvation or the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 59:21, Romans 8:9-11), are they immune to the misery or state of Saul? Why?
8. Pray for each other, that the Spirit of God would enable you all to obey, cleanse us from rebellion, and equip us for His mission. Review the Prayer Guide about prayer needs throughout the congregation.

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

This Week: Read 2 Samuel 19-21

October Memory Passage: Ephesians 4:22-24

**Join us for Prayer: Tuesday Evenings at 7:00PM — Dial 701-802-5374 and at the prompt enter 5160582#**

**John 15:7**

***If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.***

**Our Vision: To create a culture of discipleship that leads to worship and compels us to be on mission.**

PRAY for us as a church family to grow in our devotion and our discipleship.  
 PRAY that we would be faithful in all our individual areas of ministry.  
 PRAY that God will draw many to Himself in this difficult time.  
 PRAY for YOUR ONE to be saved.  
 PRAY for the ASU West college ministry  
 PRAY for the AWANA ministry every Wednesday evening—and the need for Awana nursery helpers.  
 PRAY for the people of Puluk in Indonesia to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.  
 PRAY for Dr. John and Karen T. as they return to their field of service on October 12  
 PRAY for Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. to be able to return to their field of service soon  
 PRAY for David and Comfort J. for safety in their field of service in Nigeria

**Our Mission: To Care as Jesus CARES:**

PRAY for God's protection from the COVID virus as we open the doors of Apollo Baptist  
 PRAY that we will love and encourage each other by reaching out to our membership.  
 PRAY that God will continue to use the FOOD BOX MINISTRY to bring people to Himself and that we will keep the food pantry stocked.  
 PRAY for the hospital workers, first responders and police officers to be drawn to God and to be filled with His strength, love, and ability.  
 PRAY for all our schools/teachers/administrators/workers in this school year with difficulties never before encountered.  
 PRAY for us all to be a source of light in the darkness of racial prejudice.  
 PRAY for our country and us to be godly citizens (Supreme Court process, the election process)  
 PRAY that we will each be faithful to give financially to Apollo Baptist Church so that we can have the funds to continuing ministering.

**Our Church Family:**

PRAY for Pastor Gary and our other pastors (Pastor Jim, Pastor Reginald, Pastor Brian) as they seek God's way to lead our church.  
 PRAY for our new intern, Juliana Smith, and her ministry.  
 PRAY for our deacons to be able to keep up with their families and contacts effectively.  
 PRAY for additional preschool volunteers to care for children once a month during the morning worship service.

**Pray For Our Church Family Needs:**

- Those struggling with fear and anxiety because of the pandemic
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
  - The loss of Jane S. (pray for grieving siblings)
  - The loss of Jayla S.
  - The loss of Rebecca R's brother
  - The loss of Ray and Sue J's daughter-in-law, Lynette
  - Grief Share participants
- Those struggling with cancer issues:
  - Mary C. (breast cancer), Brenda R. (blood cancer and possible donors of bone marrow), Leroy D. (his brother)
- Those struggling with chronic health issues:
  - Michelle L. (migraines), Rezwana D (migraines), Mary R.(starting dialysis), Ruthie C. (severe weight loss), Jimmy (grandson of Raul and Cindy O. has autism), Laura M. (neck vertebrae with ruptured disc causing extreme pain), Larry D (brain bleed not completely healed), Gary F.(emotional and physical challenges), Rita H.(her sister has heart issues), Stan F. (mother and decisions regarding her care), Barbara B. (hospital), Ken R. (son and family have COVID), Mimi M. (home from hospital), Twyla H. (home from hospital)
- Those awaiting surgery:
  - Brenda R. (bone marrow transplant); Mary R. (needs mapping procedure and surgery for dialysis)
- Those recovering from surgery:
  - Kevin M.(Vertebrae surgery), Butch L. (skin cancer surgery and infection), Jonathan B. (hand surgery)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
  - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
  - Larry S., Billy H.
- Others that you are aware of