

### **AFFIRMATION OF GROWTH (15 MINUTES)**

- **Check in:** Let each person share how their challenge went this week and one thing that God has taught them in facing it.
- **Opening Prayer:** Pray specifically for both those who struggled with the challenge and those who met their goal. Ask God to reveal the truth and continue the work he began in each person.

### **BIBLE DISCOVERY (35-45 MINUTES: WHAT 10 MINUTES, SO WHAT 10-20 MINUTES, AND NOW WHAT 15-20 MINUTES)**

- **Watch Video**
- **Big Idea for gGroup:** 1 Samuel 16:7 “For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”
- **WHAT? (To allow great discussion we will not cover every Bible verse read on Sunday or in the chapter)**
  - **Read 1 Samuel 9:1-10**
    - What do we know about Saul at this point?
    - What was the servant’s idea when Saul gave up searching for the lost donkeys?
  - **Read 1 Samuel 9:14-21**
    - How did Samuel know who to make King?
    - Why was Saul shocked at the blessing Samuel gave in verse 20?
  - **Read 1 Samuel 9:27-10:9**
    - What were the 3 signs Samuel gave Saul?
    - What was the reason behind the signs? (vs. 7)
    - What was the final instruction Samuel gave Saul?
- **SO WHAT? (If you like to get this section started you can ask, “what stood out to you from the Bible?”)**
  - What attributes made Saul kinglike material according to the world?
  - What did God do to prepare Saul to serve as king?
  - Reread 9:9, What does it mean that God gave him another heart? How do we see this reflected in the New Testament or in our lives?
- **NOW WHAT? (Previous discussion will help you choose the best questions to ask your group)**
  - Not all of us are called to be Kings and Queens of nations, but God does call us to serve, make disciples, and tell others about Jesus Christ. What attributes or characteristics does it take to be used by God to serve others?
  - Do you have to be perfect or sinless to serve? Was Saul perfect or even further David?
  - If you do serve at church, how do you see God impacting you or others around you when you serve?
  - If you do not serve at church, what is stopping you from serving? Or why does God want us to serve others?

### **CHALLENGE FOR LIFE (10 MINUTES)**

- **One Challenge:** Has this passage revealed a point of growth or a needed change? Is there something you must do or voice in order to better obey God? Be specific and narrow it down with an “I will” statement
  - I will \_\_\_\_\_
- **Closing Prayer**
- **Good Time To Plan Your Outreach Project and work on getting the majority of the group to plan and take part.**