

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

THE DIFFERENCE THE SPIRIT MAKES
1 SAMUEL 16:14-23

MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE

Learn from the sad story of Saul's distress and the start of David's success the difference the Holy Spirit makes in life.

- I. The Sad Story of Saul's Distress (v.14-17)
- II. The Start of David's Success (v.18-23)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What does this chapter show us about the sovereign hand of God over every detail of salvation history?
2. How does this text teach us about both discerning the source of and treating various struggles we or our loved ones may face in life, such as depression, anxiety, etc.?
3. What can David's faithful service to Saul teach us about Christian service in an ungodly nation under unbelieving leaders? Whom do we ultimately serve?
4. Covenant children – why do you need the Holy Spirit in your life? How does the Spirit come to live in you?

FURTHER READING: Matt 13:12; Prov 18:16; Prov 14:34