

1. Describe an instance where you discovered that someone you thought was a follower of Jesus really wasn't. How did that make you feel? What were the symptoms that gave them away?
2. Read 1 Samuel 15:1–6. What instructions did the Lord give Saul through the prophet Samuel? What were His expectations?
3. Read 1 Samuel 15:7–35. How did Saul respond? Why was his response not accepted by the Lord? In what ways do we tend to make excuses for disobedience?
4. Read 1 Samuel 15:22–23. Why is this such an important passage for those who wish to honor the Lord?
5. Read 1 Samuel 16:1–6. What was the Lord's plan for replacing Saul? What were Samuel's apparent expectations for Saul's replacement?
6. Read 1 Samuel 16:7. What metrics does God use for evaluation that are different than typical human metrics? Why are human metrics less than reliable?
7. Read the rest of 1 Samuel 16. What are the symptoms of a healthy heart in David, even at this early stage?
8. Take a few moments to do a spiritual heart check. Review the list of unhealthy heart symptoms and ask God to reveal anything He wishes to remedy in you. Then, invite Him to do it. Write down what will look different in you as you allow Him to align your heart with His.
9. Read 1 Samuel 15:22–23 and 16:7. Ask God to help you obey Him and to have a heart aligned with Him today.