



**CG WK 15 The Whole Story
Ministering unto the Lord**

Scripture Reading:

- 1 Samuel 16:1–13 – David is anointed while faithfully tending sheep.

Group Discussion:

- What stood out to you through the reading plan last week or the sermon on Sunday?

1. God Sees the Heart (vv. 6–7)

- Samuel assumed Eliab, Jesse's oldest son, would be king, but God said He looks at the heart.
 - What does this teach us about God's priorities versus people's priorities?
 - How can we guard against valuing outward appearance, talent, or success more than inward devotion?

2. David's Hidden Preparation (vv. 11–12)

- David wasn't even invited to the feast—he was out tending sheep. Yet that's where God was shaping him.
 - Why do you think God chose David to be King?
 - What does this say about the importance of being faithful in small, unseen places?
 - Where in your own life might God be calling you to simply be faithful, even if no one else notices?

3. Ministering to the Lord First

- David's heart for worship and intimacy with God began long before his public anointing.
 - How does private worship and devotion prepare us for future assignments?
 - What are some practical ways you can "minister to the Lord" (through worship, prayer, gratitude, obedience) in your daily routine?

4. The Spirit's Empowering (v. 13)

- When David was anointed, "the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him."
 - Why is it essential that ministry flows out of the Spirit's power rather than our own strength?
 - How have you experienced the Spirit empowering you when you first sought the Lord's presence?

Challenge:

- This week, commit to one intentional act of private devotion to the Lord (singing a worship song, praying in silence, writing out thanksgiving, etc.).

Prayer Time:

- Thank God that He sees the heart.
- Pray for each group member to grow in hidden devotion and private worship.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to empower your group afresh, just as He did with David.