**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. January 26, 2020**

**“You Are More Than What Meets The Eye”**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

**Key Truth:** Many Christians live below their means because they have allowed other people’s view of them to limit what God says and created them to be.

**From A Shepherd To A King:**

1. No one who saw David seen him as anything but a shepherd

 boy.

2. David had the one thing that God looks for in every servant, a

 heart that follows Him.

3. The faithful seldom seek a platform, but they get a platform

 because they have been faithful!

**Living Victorious With 20/20 Vision:**

1. Beware of making spiritual decisions based on physical

 appearances. 1 Samuel 16:7

 A. God usually choses the person we would never expect to

 accomplish His will.

2. Don’t allow people to hinder your purpose based on their

 limited view of you.

 A. The anointing of God on your life determines who you are.

 B. Don’t let others make you feel less than, based on worldly

 standards of importance.

 C. Our Savior, not our success, defines us.

3. Your private devotion will show up in the public arena.

 A. When we’re secure in who God says we are we don’t have

 to manipulate others to get ahead or get their approval.

 B. Remain faithful to God and wait on His timing.

 C. Serve others and don’t seek the spotlight.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** See yourself the way God sees you. Don’t limit the Holy Spirit inside of you from accomplishing great things through you.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Why are we often impressed by other people’s surface qualities, like appearances, social status, and power? What traits does a person of strong character possess?

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-3: What is Samuel mourning at the start of this passage? Why and when did God reject Saul? **Read 1 Samuel 13:8-14 and 15:10-11 to aid in your discussion.**

Read Matthew 5:3-10; Hebrews 11:6; and 12:1. What qualities of godly character are included in these verses? Of those listed, which is the most difficult for you to emulate, and why?

What did David’s faithfulness in watching the sheep say about his character? How did this prepare him for the future (see 1 Sam. 17:34-37; Ps. 23)?

Read 1 John 3:1-3: Why was the love of God so amazing to John?

How did John encourage his readers to define themselves?

How is defining yourself as a child of God different than defining yourself by your job title, achievements, or accomplishments?

How can our Connection group be a model for godly character in our relationships with each other and our service to the church?