

Leadership and Anointing

What is anointing? How does God anoint people and in which ways does anointing manifest? Looking into the life of King David, we will discuss how God anoints people for leadership, how can we steward an anointing from God, and what are the costs, sacrifices, and joy that come with it. We will reflect on how we can as leaders follow Jesus, the anointed One.

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- I. What is anointing?
 - A. How would you describe anointing?
 - B. In which ways does this manifest?
- II. Process of anointing
 - A. Description of how pressing oil is made (story of oil press in Israel)
 - B. What does that tell us about anointing?
- III. Leadership and anointing
 - A. What would it mean to be an anointed leader?
 - B. How is that different than a simply Christian leader?
- IV. Looking at David's anointing (I Samuel 16)
 - A. 'I have chosen' 16:1
 1. 'The Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart' I Samuel 13:14
 2. What was it about David that made him 'a man after his own heart'?

- B. 'The Lord looks at the heart' 16:7
 - C. Not recognized by even his father 16:8
 - D. From a shepherd's boy to God's anointed: 'From that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.' 16:13
- V. David honors the anointing
- A. Honors Saul's anointing – II Samuel 24:6 and II Samuel 26:11
 - B. Respect God's timing and process
- VI. Jesus being anointed for ministry
- A. Luke 4:14-30
 - 1. What does that tell us about the anointing of Jesus?
 - 2. Comes after testing and the desert (previous story in Luke)
- VII. Jesus being anointed for burial
- A. Matthew 26:6-13
 - 1. What does this story tell us about anointing?
- VIII. Joys and prices of the anointing
- A. What would be the cost/sacrifice of the anointing?
 - B. What would be the joys of the anointing?
- IX. Stewarding the anointing
- A. How do we steward the anointing? How do we lose it or increase it?

- B. David as example: knew the secret was God's presence (II Samuel 6:2)
 - 1. Intimacy with God (Psalm 23)
 - 2. Heartfelt repentance (Psalm 51)
- C. David story of dancing before the Lord in connecting to anointing 6:14
- D. David knows what he is carrying: he knows who he is, does it for God, and is not afraid of being undignified (II Samuel 6:21)

Discussion and Q&A time

Suggested Readings:

Eugene H. Peterson –

Leap over a Wall: Earthly Spirituality for Everyday Christians