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NORTH METRO CHURCH

NMC SERMON SERIES CONTENT



The “Darkroom” SERIES OVERVIEW:

In order for film to be developed into a photo, a photographer must take the film into a darkroom where the film is taken through a meticulous chemical process. As followers of Jesus, God takes each of us through times, often difficult times, in order to develop us into the image of His Son. In our next series, entitled The Darkroom, we are going to take a look at several people throughout the Bible who had to go through a “darkroom” experience that would prepare them for God’s call on their lives. In the process, our hope is that we will all discover what they learned and apply it to our lives.

THE “DARKROOM”

WEEK 4



Icebreaker:

What is the longest period of time you have ever had to wait for something that you really wanted?

Discussion Questions:

**For more insight / perspective, read the following article:*

<https://www.oneforisrael.org/bible-based-teaching-from-israel/bible-teachings/god-trained-david-extraordinary-king/>

What stood out to you from Rob’s message on Sunday?

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-14

How is David different than the man Samuel expected to be anointed king? Describe a time in your life where you expected one thing, but God delivered in unexpected ways.

What does it mean that God “looks at the heart” of the individual?

How does the fact that God looks at the heart counter the lie that “I am what I do”?

If David believed the lie that “I am what I do,” how would he have seen himself?

In what ways do you place too much value on outward appearance and neglect the value of a heart that's oriented toward God in yourself and others?

Though God anointed David as His choice for king, David did not actually rule as king until many years later. How did David spend his time? Share a time in your life when you felt God had you in a "holding pattern". How did you handle it?

David was anointed king, yet became a servant to Saul. Why do you think the LORD planned it this way? Why does God have you where you are today?

How does God's dealings with David encourage you in your current stage of life or career?

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, is there one thing you'd especially like to remember this week?

What questions do you still have?