

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: July 6, 2022**  
**1 Samuel 16:14-23**

1. What happened in our last Bible Study?
  - a. God told Samuel to stop mourning for Saul and move forward.
  - b. God told Samuel to get up and go anoint the next king.
  - c. Samuel asked how, since Saul would kill him.
  - d. God told Samuel to go to Jesse's house to make a sacrifice.
  - e. All of Jesse's sons came in for the sacrifice, but none of them were the one that God had chosen.
  - f. Samuel will not sit down until David is brought in and when he is brought in God told Samuel to rise and anoint him.
  - g. The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.

2. What do we learn, in verse 14, about Saul?
  - a. The Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul.
  - b. An evil (or harmful) spirit from the Lord tormented him.

3. What do you think this means? What kind of Spirit has come upon Saul?
  - a. It's probably an "evil" spirit from God, like it says.
  - b. God doesn't have or send any evil spirits...but when His Spirit departs, it opens the door for other spirits to make their home (see Matthew 12:43-45).
  - c. Perhaps Paul was tormented by the very Spirit of God, but the spirit is not evil. When we turn away from God, conviction can come from the Holy Spirit and torment us until we turn back to him.

4. Do you think this story begins the next day? Or is this the next important story in the progression of what God is doing? \_\_\_\_\_

With what we have read in verses 13-14, what is the theme that ties these two stories together in that progression? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How, according to verses 15-18, does God use this situation to bring David into a place of influence in the kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_  
What do you think David and Jesse might have been thinking, knowing about Samuel's anointing, when this happened? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What do you think was happening in verse 23? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever experienced this? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think God would intend for such a spirit to come and go with music/worship or do you think God would intend for there to be permanent change? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you suppose the story gets easy from here, since David is now in Saul's service? \_\_\_\_\_