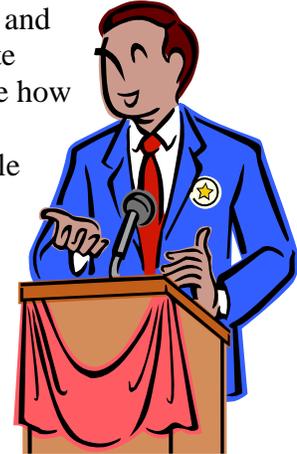


## SERMON SUMMARY

<b>Date:</b> February 26, 2006	11:00 am Worship Service
<b>Preacher:</b> Rev. Clinton Chisholm	<b>Reference:</b> II Corinthians 10: 1-5
<b>Topic:</b> Hearing God Through the Journey – as Investigating People	

The uniqueness of God, amongst other things, is reflected in the way God communicates to us. God speaks through various mediums and we should be open to and aware of the way in which God chooses to speak to us. As we celebrate Black History, it is important for us to be students of history and to see how God worked through many people, including blacks. As investigative people it is important to trace our roots in biblical history and to be able to recognize the role that blacks played in being ‘called to duty’ by God. It is also important to exercise care and use critical minds to evaluate everything we hear.



There are several misconceptions about people in the bible who are thought of as being black, but careful investigation says otherwise.

### Genuine Blacks in the Bible

- Acts 13:1 – Simeon
- Numbers 12:1 – Joab’s messenger
- Jeremiah 38:7 – He was a ‘*cushite*’ which was from the region of Ethiopia.
- Numbers 12:1 – Moses’ wife

### Persons mistakenly referred to as Black

The mistake that is often made is that all Africans were black.

- Simon of Syrene is often referred to as a black man, largely because he was from North Africa (modern day Libya). Actually though, he was not a black man.
- King Solomon is also thought of as being black largely due to the verse in Songs of Solomon 1:5 – “*I am black but comely.*” At this point in the song cycle however, it was a woman that was singing, not Solomon.

More importantly than tracing our history though is to realize that we are significant as human beings, not because of the color of one’s skin, but because humans are created by God and made in the image of God. In America, one message that is often preached is that of black consciousness. But the color of one’s skin is not the essence of that person. It is the heart and character of that person that makes the man. As the famous of sayings goes... “*not by the color of one’s skin, but by the content of your character.*”