

ISRAEL'S FIRST KING

1 Samuel 8-15
Unit 10, Session 3

WHAT WE LEARNED

God intended for a heavenly king to rule over Israel, but the Israelites did not trust God's plan and wanted a king like the nations around them. God gave them a king, but Saul did not obey God. God had a plan to send His Son, Jesus. King Jesus trusted and obeyed God perfectly and died so sinners could be forgiven and accepted.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Sam. 15:22. In the previous verses, Saul attempts to justify that what he did was good, even though it was not obeying God completely.
 - *How do you justify your sin or actions? How do you become convicted of your sin?*
 - *What does it look like for you to "offer sacrifices" (i.e. going through the motions) versus obeying and loving the LORD?*
 - *Was it fair for Saul to be punished for doing what he thought was right?*
2. God tells Samuel "It is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king." (1 Sam. 8:7)
 - *In what ways do you reject God? Is it through idols? Sinning? Ignoring him?*
 - *Read 1 Sam. 12:22-24. How does this give you hope even when you sin against God?*
3. God gave the Israelites what they wanted, a king. However, he was a fallen king.
 - *Who is our perfect king?*
 - *What are some attributes of Jesus that make him greater than the Israelites' kings?*

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT

"There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might."

Jeremiah 10:6

PRAY TOGETHER

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Pray to God for him to be the king of your heart. Ask Jesus to show you how to lovingly obey his word and to be filled with a desire to follow him.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person’s request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

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