

Prayer Concerns:

King Saul

The rise and fall of Israel's first king

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Israel demands a king. [1 Samuel 8]

Saul: The first king. [1 Samuel 9-10]

Saul's early success. [1 Samuel 11]

The beginning of the end. [1 Samuel 13:1-15]

Life lessons from Saul's story:

1. The _____ is our _____
2. _____ is _____ God's _____
3. God can _____
4. Focusing on problems turns _____
5. We're to _____ when God _____

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting started:

1. If you have an appointment to meet someone, how late can he be before you give up on him?

Digging deeper:

Read 1 Samuel 8:1-29

1. Why did the people of Israel demand a king? Why did God consider this a rejection of Him as their king?

Read 1 Samuel 9:15-17; 10:9-11

2. The Lord selected Saul as Israel's first king. Do you think God wanted him to succeed or fail? Did God choose Saul as a punishment for demanding a human king?

Read 1 Samuel 13:1-15

3. Verse 3 tells us that Saul's son, Jonathan, defeated the Philistines. What does Saul's response tell you about him?

4. What did the men of Israel do when the Philistines assembled before them? How do you respond when you feel overwhelmed?

5. Why didn't Saul wait for Samuel? Does his rebuke seem too harsh?

6. Review the life lessons from Saul's story. Which one is most applicable to you now?

Taking it Home:

1. Intentional or not, Saul's problem was seeing himself above God's law. Is there an area of your life in which you are not following God's authority?