

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES

1 Samuel 8:6-15 ⁶But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. ⁷And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. ⁸As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. ⁹Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights."

¹⁰Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, "This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. ¹²Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. ¹⁵He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants.

Hebrews 7 ²³Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; ²⁴but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Other passages: Hebrews 7, Exodus 2, Revelations 3,

Connect: Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

- 1) Reading through 1 Samuel 8 We saw that comparing ourselves to others leads to compromise. What is one practical way you can celebrate what God has given *you* this week without measuring yourself against those around you?
- 2) We often think that getting to "do what we want and be who we want" brings freedom, but your teaching showed that choosing our own way usually leads to a new kind of bondage. Have you ever pursued something you thought would be helpful or give relief, only to find it brought stress, burden, or fear instead?
- 3) Living as a subject of King Jesus means viewing our money, time, and talents as His, not our own. What is one area of your schedule or finances where you find it hardest to say, *"Lord, this belongs to You, not me"*?
- 4) Culture tells us to constantly hustle to build our own security, what did you see in verses 9-10 in Samuel's reaction to the people wanting a King? Could you pivot like Samuel did?
- 5) When unexpected disruptions happen in life, our natural instinct is to try to regain control. What would it look like for you to shift from asking *"How do I fix this my way?"* to asking *"Lord, how are You leading me through this?"*

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS