

# JUST LIKE *Everyone Else*

(1 Samuel 8)

1. As God's people, we are called to \_\_\_\_\_ something \_\_\_\_\_ than the world seeks (or offers). (*1 Peter 2:9; 1 Corinthians 6:20; Romans 12:2; Proverbs 1:15; Psalm 73; Philippians 2:15; Psalm 1:1*)
2. If we \_\_\_\_\_ God to pursue something else, we just might get what we ask for. (*Romans 1; Numbers 11:18-20; John 3:19; Psalm 81:11-12*)
3. God is faithful to give us \_\_\_\_\_ that we should heed. (*1 Corinthians 10:12; Proverbs 14:12, 16:25; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*)
4. The King of kings is a \_\_\_\_\_, whereas other 'kings' are \_\_\_\_\_. (*Mark 10:45; John 3:16, 6:33; Proverbs 2:6; 1 Corinthians 3:7, 15:57; Matthew 20:25-28*)
5. God *has* fought for us and *will continue* to fight for us - we just need to keep our eyes \_\_\_\_\_ Him and \_\_\_\_\_ of everyone else. (*2 Chronicles 20:12,17; Deuteronomy 20:4; Isaiah 54:17; Psalm 34:17; Isaiah 26:3; Proverbs 3:5; Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 12:1-2*)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Have you ever wanted something so badly and received it, only to find out it wasn't all you thought it would be? (Talk about it.) Any lessons learned?
3. What reason did the elders give for wanting a king (see verses 4-5, 19-20)? Despite their stated desire, what were they *really* doing (verse 7)? In what ways are we often guilty of doing the same thing?
4. When are you tempted to want or to do something just to be like 'everyone else'? What might this desire say about how you view God?
5. Each time Samuel heard something from the people that would upset, anger, or hurt him, how did he respond? What do we stand to learn from his response to this adversity?
6. Samuel warned the people that the king they would pursue would be a taker - but they wouldn't heed his warning. In what ways are the systems of the world 'takers'? Contrast this with how Jesus is a giver.

