



## Reflection Questions

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The Perils of Statism

1 Samuel 8:4-22

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This week, we conclude our series examining socialism through the lens of Scripture by looking at a pivotal moment in Israel's history—when they rejected God as their King in favor of an earthly monarch.

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### Reflection Questions:

1. In what ways do we see the question 'Did God really say?' manifesting in our culture today, and how can we recognize when we are being tempted to question God's Word in our own lives?
2. The elders of Israel wanted a king so they could be 'like all the nations.' What are modern examples of Christians trying to conform to worldly systems rather than trusting in God's design?
3. How does the warning that a king will 'take' from the people (sons, daughters, property, wealth) parallel what we see happening with expanded government control in our current society?
4. Samuel immediately took his problem to God in prayer when the elders made their request. How often do we seek political or human solutions before bringing our concerns to God first?
5. If God used a 10 percent tax rate as a warning to Israel, what should we think about our current tax burden and the role of government in our lives today?
6. How has the secular education system shaped the worldview of younger generations, and what responsibility do Christian parents and the church have in countering this influence?
7. As Christians we are challenged to vote and speak publicly according to a biblical worldview despite being labeled negatively. What fears or concerns hold you back from doing this, and how can you overcome them?
8. There was a warning that enemies will come in the name of Jesus, using Scripture to advance anti-biblical agendas. How can we develop discernment to recognize when Scripture is being twisted, even by those who appear compassionate and speak gently?