



Mega Transitions: Studies in 1 Samuel - Whose Your King?

Message to Conversation Guide

I. The theme of the book of 1 Samuel is transition.

dictionary.com defines transition as movement, passage, or change from one position, state, stage, subject, concept, etc., to another; change:

Look on every exit being an entrance somewhere else.”

— Tom Stoppard, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead

Isa 43:19

19 See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the desert
and streams in the wasteland. NIV

II. Life is filled with transitions. Success in life is how well you do with transitions.

Changing Schools; Changing Locations; Changing Jobs; Singleness to marriage; Marriage to parenthood; Retirement; Loss of a spouse or loved one.

III. If we never face change, we never change!

There is a connection between the changes (transitions) we go through and our personal growth.

IV. In the book of Judges people were autonomous without a King.

Judges 21:25

25 In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit. NIV (see also **Judges 19:1-2, Judges 17:6, Judges 18:1a**)

V. The big event in 1 Samuel is the anointing of David as King.

1 Sam 16:13

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah. NIV (also see **1 Sam. 16:1**)

2 Sam 7:11-13, 16

"The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you:
12 When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. (see also **2 Sam. 7:14-15**)
16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever." NIV (see also **1 Kings 9:5**)

VI. Jesus is portrayed in the NT as at the son of David and a King.

Rom 1:3

3 regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, NIV (see also **Matt. 1:1**)

1 Tim 1:17

17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. NIV

VII. We must personally recognize and accept that Jesus is our King.

1 Sam 18:2-4

2 From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house. 3 And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. 4 Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt. NIV

Phil 2:9-11

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father. NIV (see also **Ro. 10:8-9**)