#### WE NEED A KING An Introduction to 1-2 Samuel

INTRODUCTION

New Series: Introduction to 1-2 Samuel

#### Theocracy: Is He Still King?

#### **ABOUT SAMUEL**

- 1. Famous characters
- 2. Major transition: The Monarchy
- 3. Kingship

### A. The Bible / Canon

- 1. Hebrew Bible (TaNaK): (8) Prophets
- 2. Septuagint (Gk: (12) Historical books

# B. Monarchy Period: The Story of Israel's Struggles

- 1. Genesis 1-11: Creation and Early Events
- 2. Genesis 12-22: Abraham's call and covenant promises
- 3. Genesis 25-32: Jacob, THE STRUGGLER a. Gen 25.19-23 Jacob's Birth
  - b. Gen 25.29-34 Jacob traded Esau food for his birthright
  - c. Gen 27 Jacob deceives Isaac to steal Esau's blessing
  - d. Gen 28.19-21: Jacob's Dream
  - e. Gen 32.24-28 Jacob's Wrestling with Angel/God
- 4. Joshua Successful Conquest of Canaan
- 5. Judges 1-2a Cycles of Judges

# MESSAGE FOR TODAY

1. COME <u>TO THE KING</u> Come Find:

# 2. DWELL IN THE LAND

- In the Throne Room
- In Community
- In the Word
- 3. OFFER YOUR CROWN
- 4. CORONATE THE KING

# **Growth Group Questions**

1. What did you learn from the overview of the Book of Samuel on Sunday that was new to you or especially meaningful?

5. David wrote many of the Psalms as an expression of his life and love for God. Read Psalm 19 together. What are some things David believed about God?

2. Briefly describe one or two insights you have gained from previous reading of the Old Testament, or what you have heard about it that might have an impact on your understanding of God and his purposes.

6. A large portion of the Old Testament is focused on Israel's failures, both individual and national, and God repeatedly calls them to repent. How do you react to such a messy history? How does this apply to our lives today?

3. A major theme that runs through the Book of Samuel is that God favors those who are truly humble and will listen to him. How have you found this to be true in your Christian life? 7. Watch the short video on the Book of Samuel (bibleproject.com). https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/1-samuel/ Share about something you discovered.

8. Close your time together in prayer.

4. From what you already know about David, why do you think God called him a man after his own heart (Acts 13:22)?

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