

HOME GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sunday, April 7th, 2024

We Want A King! — David Horner — 1 Samuel 8

Begin your study by reading 1 Samuel 8 as a group

Head

These questions help us understand who God is, who we are, what Scripture teaches, etc.

- What stood out to you about the passage or message this week? Any further questions?
- (Read Leviticus 19:1-2 and 1 Peter 1:14-16) In wanting to be like the other nations around it, Israel was rejecting holiness (vs. 5). What is the Biblical concept of holiness and what does holy living look like?

Heart

These questions help us align what we know in our minds with what we believe in our hearts.

- Israel wanted a King that could ultimately bring them peace, security and happiness (vs. 20). Whatever we look to for ultimate peace, security, and happiness is what we serve as King. What things do you struggle with serving as “Kings” in your life? Money, family, marriage, success, career, health, self-image, reputation, something else?
- (Read Psalm 84:11, Mark 10:45) God warned the nation of Israel that the King they wanted would TAKE many things from them and enslave them (vs. 10-17). In contrast, Jesus Christ is the King who GIVES. How have you experienced the GIVING nature of Jesus in your life? Have there been times when God said “No” in your life that you look back on with thankfulness?

Hands

These questions help us get practical with what we have learned.

- Israel was sick of living the life of faith and having to depend on God. In what ways can you foster a greater dependence upon God in your daily life?

Pray

Since God speaks through His word, take time to respond through prayer.

Praise – what has our passage taught us about God that we can praise/thank Him for?

Confession – what has our passage revealed that we need to repent of?

Requests – what requests can we bring to God on behalf of ourselves and each other?