



Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series: My Way: Week 5 (March 24, 2024)

This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, we need to do more than listen. The bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22). Step 1: GATHER with your family or group. Step 2: REVIEW and DISCUSS the key points and scriptures from the sermon. Step 3: PRAY for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.

DISCUSSION STARTER

Have you ever tried to fulfill God's commands in your own way? You might say things like: "Maybe I can do it this way instead and it will be easier for me, not require too much sacrifice or dependence, and I will still be doing what He wants in the end." Discuss.

DIGGING DEEPER 1

Read 1 Samuel 8:18; Genesis 17:6; 16. Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://Bible Hub (biblehub.com)), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://Blue Letter Bible (blueletterbible.org)), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://Got Questions (gotquestions.org)), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://Enduring Word (enduringword.com)) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: Satan has tried to prevent the nation of Israel from forming but God has protected it. However, Satan doesn't give up and he convinces the people of Israel that they need an earthly King ruling over them instead of a Heavenly one. Has God failed in His plan? Why did He let them have a king if He wanted them to follow Him (Isaiah 55:9)? What is God doing? What's His plan? How are the people rejecting God and wanting a King not failure? Remember what God told Abraham when He made a promise to Him that his descendants would become a nation?

DIGGING DEEPER 2

Read Genesis 35:11; Deuteronomy 17:14-17. Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://Bible Hub (biblehub.com)), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://Blue Letter Bible (blueletterbible.org)), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://Got Questions (gotquestions.org)), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://Enduring Word (enduringword.com)) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: What does the above verse say about kings? Why would God plan to create kings? What did God say in 1 Samuel 8? Why is this significant? What are the 3 things God said a king shouldn't do? Why is this significant (read 1 Kings 11)? Throughout scripture time and time again it says, "That God fought for them, that God brought them victory." Right before their cry for a King to Samuel, God had just brought them a victory over the Philistines, but they didn't care. Reflecting on this, how have you rejected God to do it your way?

DIGGING DEEPER 3

Read 1 Samuel 12:12-17; Genesis 48:10; Revelation 5:5. Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://Bible Hub (biblehub.com)), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://Blue Letter Bible (blueletterbible.org)), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://Got Questions (gotquestions.org)), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://Enduring Word (enduringword.com)) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: Satan, the serpent of Genesis 3:15 is trying to destroy the bloodline and the nation of Israel from producing the Savior and King who will conquer him. Who are the Ammonites? What does king Nahash's name mean? When Jacob was blessing his sons before his death, what did he tell Judah? What does the word Shiloh mean? What does Jacob refer to Judah as? Who was God's choice for an earthly king? Why? Who was the 3rd king of Israel? What did he introduce the Israelites too? What did this lead too?

DOING THE WORD

Anytime we try to make God's will fit with ours instead of making ours fit with His, we are doing it wrong. Isaiah 30:21 says, "Your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, 'This is the way, walk in it.' Whenever you turn to the right or whenever you turn to the left." What a blessing that He cares enough to instruct us with such detail! Why would He go through all the trouble of giving us detailed instructions if they didn't really matter? He is a purposeful God. He has a reason for every step He tells us to take. Part of obeying Him means obeying fully. Search yourself, are you ready to fully submit to His way? Do you desire to receive His intended results and not the ones that our actions would produce? Wouldn't it be sad if we missed out on the blessings that God has for us just because we are too lazy, careless, independent, or rebellious to do it His way? In John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life." We need to follow Him so precisely that we are stepping in His footprints. Will you lay your way aside, sacrificing it as a burnt offering to the Lord, and wholly and fully do everything His way? Tell the Lord!