



Week Six Family Discussion Questions (July 11-17)

1) Both Saul and David are anointed king under somewhat humble circumstances. Saul even asks the prophet Samuel, “Why then have you spoken to me in this way?” (See 1 Sam 9:21.) Talk with your family about what it means to be humble. Why is humility such an important characteristic for people, even kings, to demonstrate before God and other people?

2) In 1 Samuel 15:11, God informs Samuel that Saul has “turned back from following me, and has not performed my commandments.” However, Saul tries to argue he has, “performed the commandment of the LORD,” and later attempts to justify his disobedience.

Have you ever made excuses for your sin? Consider Samuel’s words in 1 Samuel 15:22, “To obey is better than to sacrifice.” Discuss why God is more concerned with our hearts than our outward actions.

(Note for Parents: When God says that he regrets making Saul king, this doesn’t mean that God changed his mind about making Saul king in the first place, but it does mean that he grieves over Saul’s sin.)

- 3) **The Bible describes David as, “a man after God’s own heart.” Throughout his life, David defeats the enemies of God, leads God’s people, and writes some of the most beautiful parts of Scripture. However, the Bible also shows that David is clearly a sinner, and therefore, he cannot be the Promised Messiah. Despite this fact, God makes a special promise or covenant with David in 2 Samuel 7:8-16. What does this kindness teach us about God?**
- 4) **How does God’s amazing promise to David in 2 Samuel 7:12-13 compare to his promise to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:15? How do we know that both of these promises point to the same person?**

This Week’s Key Verse: 2 Samuel 7:12

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.