



Series:	Date: Nov. 6th, 2016
Topic: Of Kings and Demands	Speaker: Michael Kissel

WELCOME

This week Michael Kissel shares with us an important reminder during this election season; that human leadership pales in comparison to God's.

For the ice breaker this week, share your answers to the following question: What is one thing you enjoyed doing this week? Why?

WORSHIP

Start the worship time by encouraging people to share praises for what God has done in their life this past week. Sing worship songs from the Sunday services or select your own.

WORD

I. Spiritual Objective. At the end of the discussion, members will:

- A. Discuss the difference between human leadership and God's.
- B. Talk about how our actions can reflect God's leadership.

II. The Sermon Synopsis:

With election day this week, much of the conversation these past few weeks has been centered around who is best fit to lead our country. The history of Israel however reminds us of an important truth about human leadership. When Israel settled in the promise land, they had no king but God who ruled over the people. However, as Samuel was nearing death, the people came to him and demanded that he choose a king to rule over them. Samuel was troubled but God noted that the people had not rejected Samuel, but God. God warned the people that a king would take their best for his own purposes but the people wanted a king so they could be like the other nations.

This story serves as a reminder and warning about the folly of trusting in human leadership. God is the one who rescues us, not people. God is the one who sustains us, not any human devices. God is the one who sits on the throne of all creation, He will have

the final say, not us. The story also reminds us that human leadership will always let us down, but we have a God who we can trust and rely on.

The Text:

⁶ But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. ⁷ And the Lord told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.

(1 Samuel 8:6-7 NIV)

¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. ²⁰ Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."

²¹ When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the LORD. ²² The LORD answered, "Listen to them and give them a king."

(1 Samuel 8:19-22 NIV)

Discussion Questions

III. In the book of Judges, a phrase that repeats over and over again is "everyone did what was right in their own eyes." Michael made the comment that when everyone does this, no one does what is right. *When do we act this way? Why is it problematic to only do what you think is right? What does it mean to be "right?"*

IV. The people of Israel came to Samuel and demanded a king be appointed to rule over them. By doing so they were rejecting the leadership of God for human leadership. *Do we make similar demands of God? Are there times when we get tired of God's leading? In what ways do you demand a "king" from God?*

V. With the election drawing to a close, Michael reminded us of a critical truth: God rescues us, not people. *Why is trusting in human leaders foolish? Why do we still do it? Do your actions reflect that God is your real leader? Or is it yourself or other people?*



VI. God's response to the people was to give them a king by warning them that kings will always take the best of the people for their own purposes. Human leadership will always fail us, but God's leadership won't. *Where is your faithfulness? In humanity or God? Do your actions reflect this?*

VII. Issue of leadership is one that affects us all. Each and every one of us has a leadership position in some context whether it is in the workplace, with family, or among friends. *Do you lead after the model of the world when you lead? Do you do for others without trying to gain? How can we reflect God's character in leadership?*

WORK

- **Pray** and thank God that He is the true ruler of this world and that we can trust that He won't let us down. Pray and ask God that we can lead in our situations in a way that mirror's His leadership. Finally pray for the human leaders above you and leading our country and our church.
- **Service Opportunity:** If your HOME group is interested in serving the community in any way this Thanksgiving and Christmas season and would like ideas or opportunities. Please contact Jon Ayin at the Church.
- **Pray for Our Building Expansion Project (BEP).**
 - ❖ Please continue to pray that we will be able to negotiate with the City the amount of parking stalls we need based on a non-concurrent actual use of our facilities instead of the potential capacity of our buildings.
 - ❖ Continue praying that Max will continue to move forward on the detailed drawings to complete 100% by the end of November. The grading permit application is ready to be submitted—please continue praying that it will be approved by the end of January 2017.

- ❖ Pray for our BEP update presentation for this Sunday during both of our services and for the Concept and Design Center after both services.
- ❖ Pray that we will create a workable transition plan for Sun. services, AWANA, adult Sun. school, our other weekly events and parking when grading starts.
- ❖ Pray that God will raise up a construction manager from our congregation or the outside and will work well with our general contractor and coordinate our DIY work.

Announcements:

1. **Grief Share Meetings.** The series begins once again on Fridays, starting on **11/11** at 9:30 am in Pastor Joe's office.
2. **Car Wash & Workday.** This Sat, **11/12** at 9:00 am. Encourage your HG to help serve the community by helping our seniors wash their cars and to serve the church by helping to maintain our property.
3. **Thanksgiving Holiday.** Thurs, **11/24**. Take a moment to give thanks to the Lord for all the great things He has done, and celebrate this time of thanksgiving with family & friends.
4. **Christmas Decorations.** Sat, **11/26** at 9:00am. Encourage your HG to come out and help decorate our church for the Christmas holidays and more importantly our stage decorations for our AWANA Christmas program the following Sunday (see below).
5. **Star Trip: Our Faith Awakens.** Sunday, **12/4** at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Mark your calendars & Save the date for our AWANA Children's Christmas program. Invite friends and family to hear the Christmas story told in a unique way.