

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

Rebellion
Week 1 Study

Icebreaker

If you needed to hire an assistant to give away 1 million dollars in order to bless others, who would you hire and why?

Passage 1

1 Samuel 8:1-9

Reflection What reasons did Israel's elders give in their request for a king (vv. 4-5, see also 19-20)?

What was their real reason, according to verse 7?

What was wrong with their desire to have a king?

How did Samuel respond to the elders? What is the key difference between Samuel's response to the elders and the elders' response to their situation?

Read Luke 23:1-5. How is Israel's demand for a king similar to the way many Israelites responded to Jesus when He was on earth? Why did people struggle to trust that Jesus was the Messiah?

Passage 2

1 Samuel 8:19-22

Reflection Why were the Israelites willing to ignore the warning about a king?

Why does God seem to "give in" to their request? What does this teach us about Him?

When are you inclined to do something just to be "like everyone else?"
What does that desire communicate to God?

Passage 2

1 Samuel 8:19-22

Reflection

Continued

When was the last time you bulldozed over God's will, only to have the walls crash down on you?

Passage 3

1 Samuel 9:1-2 | 1 Samuel 9:14-17 | 1 Samuel 9:25-27 |
1 Samuel 10:1

Reflection

What physical advantage did Saul have over his peers? How might that impress others?

What was God's purpose for the future king (v. 16)? What does this say about God's character? How does this affect our trust in God?

What can you learn from Jesus and Zacchaeus that could make a difference in your relationships?

Passage 4

1 Samuel 10:2-16 | 1 Samuel 10:17-27

Reflection

In publicly anointing Saul, how does Samuel implicitly judge Israel and reward their protest (vv. 17-19)?

What do we learn about the level of trust Saul had in God for the task to which God assigned him?

How was God's power and purpose demonstrated in these passages? What does this demonstration tell you about trusting God?

Why is trust such a hard thing for us to learn? What other things battle for our trust?

How is God currently at work in your life to lead or change you?

Application

What steps do you need to take to acknowledge your trust in Him in that process?

Journal