

KING DAVID — ♦ — ♦ — ♦ — AND HIS KING



Better not call Saul!– 1 Samuel 15:9-34

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As we begin our new series on the life of David, Pete Greasley takes us to the prequel, where we consider the first King of Israel, Saul; and how he is the opposite of the Perfect King who would come - not David, but Jesus himself.

How are we like Saul and how, through the saviour's sacrifice are we forgiven and changed by his Spirit to be more like our true King?

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- How familiar are you with the story of David? As we begin a new series, what are your hopes for the series?
- Take another look at the passage. What were the attributes that made him unfit to lead God's people? As specifically as you can, describe the contrast of Christ; *Saul was... but Christ my King is...*
- In what way were you exposed by this passage? What is the Lord revealing to you that needs to change?
- Consider the role of the Spirit in your life. In what areas are you aware of his changing you from Saul-like to Christ-like? Ask a spouse/long term friend to help you see God's sanctifying grace in your life and give thanks!