

## Lesson 5 - Samuel Pt. 2

### **Discussion Guide**

**Main theme** - God rules His people through the king who is a representative of the people and whose actions will bring God's blessing or punishment.

**Intro Question 1** - *When you hear the word "rest" what do you think of? What do you think of when the Bible talks about resting in God?*

Our idea of rest might involve sitting on a couch and relaxing or sleeping in on a Saturday. That is not the rest that the Bible is talking about when God promises rest for His people. The biblical rest that God promises is a peace where His people are not being tempted away from His goodness or being attacked in the midst of His blessing. God promised that His people would have rest, but that promise does not come to fruition for a long time.

**Intro Question 2** - *How does not submitting to God's rule create unrest?*

When God's people turned away from Him and worshiped other gods they no longer trusted Him for protection or for life. Because of this, the enemies that surrounded them found victory against them. Now, even for those who are in Christ, we may suffer painful consequences when we give into temptation instead of submitting in everything to Christ.

**Building Block #1** - The King is the Representative of the People

**Question 1:** *What did it mean for the Israelite king to be a representative of the people? How does Jesus fill this description in the kingdom of heaven?*

In the book of Samuel, the king's relationship with God proved to be the people's relationship with God. When the king was devoted to the Lord, the nation of Israel thrived. When the king was unfaithful to the Lord, the nation crumbled. In many ways, the king bore the well-being of the nation on his shoulders. Jesus, as our King, becomes our representative before God. Our relationship with God depends on the perfection of Jesus Christ. Without His perfection, we have no ability to stand before a Holy God. But through Christ, we can live as the people of God.

**Question 2:** *What does it mean that David is a "type" of Christ. How does learning about "types" in the Old Testament help us understand more about Jesus in the New Testament?*

Old Testament "types" are shadows of realities that would come later in Christ. David is a type of Jesus because His kingship sets the stage for the kingship of Jesus. Types are not perfect representations, and David was not a perfect representation of Jesus. But learning about David as a Savior King to the people of Israel helps us understand Jesus as a Savior King to the world.

**Building Block #2** - The Kingdom of David

**Question 3:** *What does God's answer to David's desire to build a temple teach us about God?*

God doesn't need our help. While David's desire was good, God makes it clear that He does not live in temples on the earth because He is much greater than that. He does not need the worship of people and He is not dependent on our devotion. Instead, He reveals Himself to us only out of grace and kindness to us.

**Question 4:** *Temptation can come at any time. What are some tangible ways we can be prepared for temptation when it comes?*

Spiritual disciplines like Bible Study, Prayer, and Scripture memory help us to hide God's word in our heart and defend ourselves against the attacks of the enemy. We can also intentionally live in relationships that hold us accountable to the kind of life that God would have us live.

**Building Block #3** - Our rest in King Jesus

**Question 5:** *How is Jesus different than every Davidic king before him? How does that give us hope for true rest?*

Jesus does not fail and end in the grave. Jesus lived a perfect life with no fall, and when He died, He got back up out of the grave, defeating sin and death. We can have hope for rest because we serve the guy that defeated death and who has proven that He will always be faithful.