

Samuel Anoints Israel's First King 1 Samuel 8-10

Key Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Main Principle:

Trust and believe in the plans of God. There are no better plans than His.

Focus Points:

- God's plans for our lives are for our good always.
- His plans will always fill you with hope for your future.
- When we hear and obey His voice, it is for our good and His glory.
- God's plan is always the BEST!

Group Questions:

1. Why do you think the people of Israel wanted a king in the first place?
Possible answers: 1. Samuel's sons were wicked and would not be trustworthy leaders. 2. They wanted to be like all the other ungodly nations that elected kings to lead their people.
2. How did God feel about it and why do you think he allowed the people of Israel to appoint a king?
Possible answers: 1. Once again, God saw them turn their backs on Him and pursue the ungodly nations around them. 2. Maybe God wanted them to experience consequences for their sin and therefore learn to trust Him and His word more.
3. Do you think Saul was confident to become the king over Israel?
Possible Answer: No. When they went to crown him king, he was nowhere to be found! He hid himself in some baggage out of fear.
4. Do you think the people of Israel will come to regret their decision to have a king over them?
Possible answer: Yes! Time after time they had experienced hardship and each time God came in and rescued them from their circumstances. They

knew that God's plans were always the best for them even though they insisted on having their own way so many times. God's plans are always for our good and His glory!