

King - 3/24 Discussion Questions

1 Samuel 8

Review

The Pattern of Salvation History

1. **Creation** – God’s design was to reign directly over His people (v. 7)
 - All people flourish under God’s authority
2. **Fall** – All people have rebelled against God’s authority (v. 8)
 - We all experience the consequences of rejecting His reign (v. 9-19; Rom. 6:16)
 - A king represented wisdom, leadership and protection (v. 19-20)
 - God should have been their wisdom, leader and strength (Ex. 14:13-14)
3. **Redemption** – God provided human kings to reign in His place (1 Sam. 12:13,20)
 - When Israel failed, God remained faithful (12:21-22)
 - David v. Goliath was about God’s power and glory (not David’s or ours – 1 Sam. 17:26,45-46)
 - David points ahead to Jesus who conquered the giant of Death for us
4. **Restoration** – Jesus will reign directly when He comes back (Rev. 19:11,14-16)
 - Believers will flourish under His reign forever (Rev. 21:5)
 - Jesus is the true and ultimate King (Php. 2:8-11)

Connect

1. How do you do with authority? Are you a rule follower or a rule bender?

Read 1 Samuel 8

Discuss

2. Was Israel supposed to ask for a king? Why was that such a big deal?
3. How was it supposed to work (when they had no king but God)? How did it actually work (e.g. in the time of the judges)?
4. Most of this chapter is a warning – what does Samuel teach them to expect from a king? How did this play out in Israel’s history?
5. Read 1 Samuel 12:13-22. How was God merciful and gracious to Israel even in this rejection of His authority?

Apply

- Read Romans 6:16. What happens when we rebel against God’s authority?
- How does it encourage you to see Jesus as the True David fighting the giant of Death (armed with sin and the law)?
- How does confidence in our present redemption and future restoration give us strength to face the little giants in our lives?

Pray

- How can we pray for you this week?