

1 ☐ **Fall 2023/Spring 2024 Bible Study**

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2 ☐ **What genre is/are
"1 and 2 Samuel"?**3 ☐ **Read 1 Samuel 7:1-21**

- What do the people of Kiriath-Jearim do? (1-2)
- What message does Samuel give? Why? (3-4)
- How do they respond? (5-6)
- How do the Philistines take it? (7)
- What does Samuel do? (8-9) What significance is that?
- What happens in the battle? (10-11)
- How does Samuel respond? (12)
 - What hymn does this remind you of?
- What do we learn of the war with the Philistines under Samuel? (13-14)
- The remaining verses summarize Samuel's "judging" (15) What is unique about his judging compared to other judges? (16-17)

4 ☐ **Read 1 Samuel 8:1-9**

- Despite all of the wonderful things Samuel had done. Chapter 8 could begin with a giant BUT. What do we learn of Samuel in v. 1?
- What happened with Samuel's sons? Why might this seem odd? Judges 8:22-23. Should Samuel know better?
- What unsurprising fact do we learn about his sons in v. 3?
- Does this all sound familiar? (1 Samuel 2:12) Again, what does the book seem to be emphasizing?
- What do the Elders of Israel ask? (5) Why might Samuel be upset? How would you feel?
 - Why might this temptation be particularly hard on Pastors? Or parents?
- How does God understand their request? (7-8)
- What command does he give? (9) Is this a good thing or a bad thing?

5 ☐ **Read 1 Samuel 8:10-21**

- Samuel listens to the LORD's instructions. In addition to giving them a king, he indicates how the king will do what? (11)
 - V. 11-12 – He will take your _____ and do what?
 - V. 13 – He will take your _____ to do what?
 - V. 14 – He will take your _____ and do what?
 - V. 15 – He will take your _____ and do what?
 - V. 16 – He will take your _____ and do what?
 - V. 17 – He will take your _____ and do what?
- How does Samuel summarize everything in v. 18?
- What do you think he was trying to convince them?
- Did it work? (19)
- Why do they want a king? (20)
- How does the LORD respond? (21-22)
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6 Discussion

- What does this tell us about how the LORD treats our sin?
- What SHOULD Israel have done? What did they do instead?
- How do we see this reflected in our own lives?
- Are there times when we want to be like the "nations"? What examples do you see?
- In many ways, Israel had made an "idol" out of wanting a King. What comparisons do you see?
- What is the problem with idolatry?
- What do we make "idols" out of today?
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