



IN SEARCH OF THE KING

Community Group Questions

1 Samuel 9-10
Long Live the King

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SOME QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND REFLECTION

Review chapter 8. What happened in that chapter?

What facts do we learn about Saul from these two chapters?

What's your impression of Saul from these two chapters?

What were the events and circumstances that made it possible for Saul and Samuel to meet?

Was the meeting planned? By whom was it planned? (See 9:15)

If this meeting was planned ahead of time by God, what does that mean for how we should understand all the events and circumstances that made it possible for the meeting to take place?

What's the point of having such detailed signs as those given at the beginning of chapter 10?

Why do you think the worthless fellows of 10:27 ask the question they do? In what way is it a wrong question and in what way is it the entirely right question to ask?

FOCUS

The main point of this section of 1 Samuel is that God is sovereignly leading and caring for His people as He providentially orders all things to ultimately prepare the way for His salvation in King Jesus. The aim is that we would grow in our trust of God's sovereign acting, even when we don't understand the meaning of it all.

OPENING QUESTION

Do you ever having trouble making sense of the details of your life and what they all mean or whether they even have any meaning? Why is that?



CLOSING REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

Do you ever find yourself rejecting God's rule while at the same time asking Him for His help, as the people do in 10:22? What does that reveal about human beings?

Read Proverbs 16:9, 20:24, and 21:21. How should we apply these truths to our lives?

Have there been times in your life when you have seen the providence of God clearly ordering the ordinary things of your life in a wonderful way for a specific result that became obvious to you as you looked back upon it?

While God reveals His purposes here in 1 Samuel 9, He doesn't always do so. When everything around seems mysterious, odd, random, and out of order, what are some things we can do to remind us of God's sovereign, loving care?

Consider that God ultimately uses the sinful demand for a king to fulfill His plan for a king (e.g., Gen. 49:9-10) who ultimately is King Jesus. What does this teach us about God? Our sin? God's plans?

Make a list of all the ways that Saul – by way of contrast – helps us to better love and trust Jesus as God's true King.

How does this passage of the Bible exalt Jesus?

How does this passage help you to trust Jesus and love Him more?