

1 Samuel

The following questions are for group discussion. The discussion should aim to help participants think through the lesson and its application both personally and in the church.

1. The book(s) of Samuel testifies that God is the only true King, obedience the only wise course, and God's Kingdom will come with God's King. How can we apply this principle to our daily lives?

2. The sovereignty of God is the first major theme in the book.

- How does 1 Samuel 8:7 relate to this theme?
- Read Exodus 15:18. According to the Torah, who was Israel's king?
- How should Israel have applied that in their lives?
- In light of Deuteronomy 17:14-15, what was Israel's primary failure in demanding a king?
- How does this anticipate Christ?

3. The book(s) of Samuel uniquely introduces the offices of prophet, priest, king.

- What are the differences between these offices?
- How do they relate?
- Why is important to keep each of these in check when assumed by human beings?
- What does the combination of these in Christ say about Him?
- What does it say about how we should relate to Him?

4. Part of the theological purpose of the book(s) of Samuel is to call God's people in the present to live with increasing anticipation for God's Kingdom and King. How did that apply to Israel in the drama of First Samuel? How does it apply to us in principle? How do we practically anticipate God's Kingdom and King?