

LIFEGROUP

Weekly Sermon Study Guide

Sermon Series: A Series of Unfortunate Events **Sermon Title:** Israel Asks for a King

Scripture: 1 Samuel 8-10

Date Preached: September 20, 2020

WEEKLY CHECK-IN:

God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble. Refresh the group on what took place in 1 Samuel 1 and 2 and the discussion that took place last week.

Also, as a part of catching up on each other's week, this would be a good time to gather everyone's prayer requests and praises. This allows for everyone to share about their life and you can use this to guide your prayer at the end of the discussion.

DISCUSSION STARTER:

What makes you envious?

"A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones." – Proverbs 14:30

DISCUSSION:

Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at my.worthingtoncc.org/listen.

1. What in this week's scripture was most interesting?
2. Why was it such a big deal for Israel to ask for a king? What did Israel want in a king?
3. How did Samuel respond to the elders? What was different in the way Samuel responded and the way the elders responded to the situation?
4. What stands out to you about Saul in chapter 9? Why do you think God chose Saul to be Israel's first king? What would be Saul's mission? (vs. 17)
5. Israel lacked trust that God would provide for them and asked for a king. Why is trust a hard thing for us to learn, especially when it comes to trusting God?
6. What can we learn about God from this week's scripture?
7. What can we learn about people from this week's scripture?

MY NEXT STEP:

Where is God currently working in my life and where do I need to trust him in the process?

PRAYER:

A core value of our church is 'Urgent Prayer.' Please be sure to include prayer in your group meetings.

Next Week's Sermon Title: A Series of Unfortunate Events: Saul Fails to Obey