

9-3-23 Facilitator – God Our King, 1 Samuel 7:15-8:22, Bud Daniel

1. **Launchers:**

- What are your first or strongest memories of believing if you had or accomplished “it” you would be happy and satisfied only to realize “it” was not enough?
- Example: a new bike, a degree, a job, a friendship, an achievement.

2. **Worship God** by reading, enjoying, and praying through our call to worship Psalm 2:6-12 and our Assurance of Pardon from our Worship Folder Revelation 19:11-16.

3. **Sermon Reflection: God Our King, 1 Samuel 7:17-8:22**

Introduction: What are the difficulties of your life that are solved by the rule of a Sovereign, Holy, Eternal, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Loving, Father, King?

The Conformity of Man

- Israel doesn't want to be Israel.
 - Why do we want what everyone else has?
 - Why do we have an aversion to holiness?

A Particular Judgement

- Samuel's reflex to disappointment, Israel's demand for a king, is to pray.
 - When have you been willful and demanding in the face of disappointment rather than turning to God for help through prayer?
 - How do self-will and faith interact?
- What has God done and is God doing by giving us over to our desires? What is He discovering to us?

A King Like No Other

- Ask Holy Spirit to reveal to you your sin against:
 - God Our Father, as King
 - God Jesus, as our King
 - God Holy Spirit, as our King
- And to give you repentance and faith that He will cleanse, restore, convict, and bless your soul.

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: You can pray with us.**

1. Worship the Lord. He is never swayed and is totally unchanging—and He loves us and has saved us, so we rejoice in that confident assurance!
2. Confess how easily we are swayed and want a different king. Do you believe the culture's pronouncement over you, rather than letting God's pronouncement over you to be totally sufficient and true? Have you cried out for a new ruler over your life?
3. Give thanks to Jesus for his abundant grace that chases after us, even when we are running away from him. Praise him as the almighty, holding the power and beauty to easily dismantle our idols.
4. Pray for those who are asking for a remedy in all the wrong places. Pray that they would know Jesus as our King, the one who truly aligns you to who you were created to be.
5. Ask the Spirit to reveal where you are just like the Israelites, so that you can worship God as the ultimate sustainer and savior of his people.

5. **Mission: Christians are people on mission. God, our King, gives each of us our mission.**

- What is your Personal Mission Statement?
- Write one and share it with your CG.
- Ask your friends for 3 ways your life choices line up with your mission. Be encouraged.