

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Read 1 Samuel 13:1-14. Discuss why Saul was rejected by God. What does it mean that his reign would have been permanently established?
2. Why was Saul impatient when Samuel was late? Where was his focus?
3. The Bible often talks about waiting on the LORD. Have volunteers read these verses and then discuss what you observe: Lamentations 3:25-26, Psalm 27:14, Isaiah 40:31, Micah 7:7, Psalm 37:7, Psalm 25:4-5, Proverbs 20:22, Galatians 5:5, Titus 2:13, Luke 2:25, Roman 8:25.
4. Read verse 1 Samuel 13:14 again. Who is the one that the LORD has found who is a man after his own heart? Hint: He wrote the Psalms you just read. Compare this man and Saul concerning waiting on the LORD.
5. What is the connection between waiting for the LORD and faith in Christ?
6. How do we struggle waiting? What are some examples of how impatient we are with God? What areas of our lives today do we need to wait on Him? (Examples: job, marriage, children, relationships, health issues, finances) Discuss this as a group.
7. Close by taking prayer requests and praying for each other. Don't forget to pray and commit to wait on the LORD!

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Sermon Study Guide

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SERMON NOTES

HAVE A HEART – THE TRAGEDY OF KING SAUL PASSAGES IN 1 SAMUEL

1 Samuel 8:18

...you will cry out because of the king you've chosen for yourselves...

WHO WAS KING SAUL?

1. SAUL WAS FROM THE TRIBE OF _____
 - A. THEY WERE KNOWN FOR BEING GREAT _____.
 - B. THE LAND OF THIS TRIBE INCLUDED THE CITIES OF _____ AND _____.
2. SAUL WAS TECHNICALLY ISRAEL'S _____ KING
 - A. BEFORE SAUL, THE KING OF ISRAEL WAS _____.
 - B. SAUL WAS THE KIND OF KING THAT THE _____ WANTED, OUTWARDLY IMPRESSIVE, BUT... (1 Samuel 12:13)
3. SAUL HAD _____ FOR GOD
 - A. SAUL THOUGHT HE _____ THAN ANYONE ELSE, INCLUDING GOD.
 - B. BECAUSE SAUL WAS _____ AND DID NOT KEEP THE LORD'S WORD, THE THRONE WOULD NOT CONTINUE THROUGH SAUL, BUT THROUGH DAVID, A MAN OF FAITH. (1 Chronicles 10:13-14)

Answers to fill in the blanks:
WHO WAS KING SAUL? 1. BENJAMIN A. WARRIORS B. JERICHO, JERUSALEM 2. FIRST A. GOD B. PEOPLE 3. NO HEART A. KNEW BETTER B. UNFAITHFUL
WE REJECT GOD WHEN... 1. WORLD, FALLENNESS 2. WORSHIP 3. WORD A. GOD FIGHTS FOR US B. WHAT'S RIGHT AND WRONG C. LEADS US D. BY HIS SPIRIT HEART CHECK... 1.
WAITING, WHO GOD IS AND WHAT GOD IS DOING 2. RELIGION 3. HEART

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

WE REJECT GOD WHEN...

1. WE DESIRE THE _____

1 Samuel 8:4–5 (CSB)

⁴ So all the elders of Israel gathered together and went to Samuel at Ramah.

⁵ They said to him, “Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Therefore, appoint a king to judge us the same as all the other nations have.”

- ONE OF THE GREATEST SIGNS OF OUR _____ IS OUR DESIRE TO SEEK TO GET FROM THIS WORLD WHAT ONLY GOD CAN GIVE US.

2. WE SHARE OUR _____

1 Samuel 8:6–8 (CSB)

⁶ When they said, “Give us a king to judge us,” Samuel considered their demand wrong, so he prayed to the LORD. ⁷ But the LORD told him, “Listen to the people and everything they say to you. They have not rejected you; they have rejected me as their king. ⁸ They are doing the same thing to you that they have done to me, since the day I brought them out of Egypt until this day, abandoning me and worshiping other gods.

3. WE DON'T HEAR GOD'S _____

1 Samuel 8:18–20 (CSB)

¹⁸ When that day comes, you will cry out because of the king you've chosen for yourselves, but the LORD won't answer you on that day.” ¹⁹ The people refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We must have a king over us.

²⁰ Then we'll be like all the other nations: our king will judge us, go out before us, and fight our battles.”

- A. ISRAEL MEANS _____
- B. GOD JUDGES US - _____
- C. GOD GOES BEFORE US - _____
- D. GOD FIGHTS OUR BATTLES - _____

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

HEART CHECK...

1. AM I _____ ON THE LORD?

SAUL'S FAILURE TO WAIT ON THE LORD – 1 SAMUEL 13

1 Samuel 13:8–9 (CSB)

⁸ He waited seven days for the appointed time that Samuel had set, but Samuel didn't come to Gilgal, and the troops were deserting him. ⁹ So Saul said, “Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.” Then he offered the burnt offering.

Psalm 25:4–5 (CSB) *psalm of David*

⁴ Make your ways known to me, LORD; teach me your paths. ⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; I wait for you all day long.

Psalm 27:14 (CSB) *psalm of David*

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart be courageous. Wait for the LORD.

- THE ABILITY TO WAIT ON THE LORD STEMS FROM BEING CONFIDENT AND FOCUSED ON:

2. DO I PUT _____ BEFORE RELATIONSHIP?

SAUL'S FAILURE FOLLOW THE LORD'S COMMAND – 1 SAMUEL 15

1 Samuel 15:22 (CSB)

²² Then Samuel said: Does the LORD take pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? Look: to obey is better than sacrifice, to pay attention is better than the fat of rams.

3. IS CHRIST THE KING OF MY _____?

Colossians 3:15 (CSB)

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful.