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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

2. What does this story teach me about myself?

3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 10 • Session 1

## THE ISRAELITES WANTED A KING

1 Samuel 8-10

### WHO IS OUR KING?

**JESUS IS OUR KING FOREVER, AND HE RULES OVER THE WORLD.**

When Samuel grew old, he made his sons judges over Israel. Samuel's sons were bad leaders of God's people. The elders of Israel went to Samuel and said, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Give us a king to be our ruler, just as all the other nations have."

Samuel prayed to the Lord. God said, "They have not rejected you; they have rejected me as their king. Listen to them, but also warn them about the power a king has over the people. Samuel went to the people and said, "A king will take your sons to join his army, take your daughters to serve in his house, take your best fields, and take a tenth of your crops and your flocks."

The people refused to listen to Samuel. God told Samuel, "Listen to the people, and appoint a king for them."

Now, there was an impressive young man named Saul. One day, his father's donkeys wandered off, and Saul was sent to find them. Saul's servant recommended they ask Samuel for help. God told Samuel that He would send him a man to rule over His people. When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord said, "This is the man who will be king over my people Israel." Samuel took a flask of oil and anointed Saul as the future king.

Later, Samuel called all the people together. Saul was selected as king. When the people saw how tall and impressive Saul was, they shouted, "Long live the king!" Samuel appointed Saul as king.

Christ Connection: The Israelites rejected God as King and chose Saul to be their king. When we sin, we also reject God's rule in our lives as King. Jesus, the King of kings, died for our sin and rose again so we could be forgiven.

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