

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.



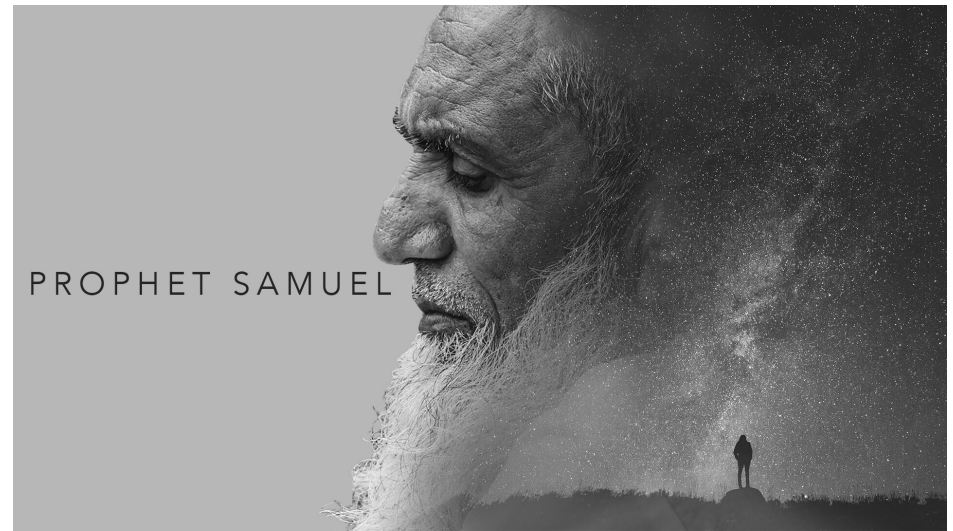
FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Did you have any challenging thoughts on the “Reminder About Time”?
2. What did you learn about the request for a king and God’s response?
3. What are your best thoughts and applications from Samuel’s plan for the people?

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS SERIES

Psa. 99:6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them.

THE MAP



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TWO THOUGHTS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. In each generation there are a _____ people who live differently than those around them, who _____ God, and who therefore make an enormous positive _____.
2. A Christian life is not measured by success or failure but by a Godly _____.

THE REMINDER ABOUT TIME

1Sam. 7:15 Samuel continued as Israel’s leader all the days of his life. . . .

1Sam. 8:1 When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel’s leaders.

In Chapter 3, Samuel was just a _____ (11?). In the first verse of chapter 8, he is _____. Each person has _____ life to make a difference. Don’t _____ your time or opportunities!

THE REQUEST FOR A KING

1Sam. 8:4 So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. 5 They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.” 6 But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. 7 And the LORD told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.

1. Israel was _____ in their desire for _____.
2. Samuel had been a _____ leader (judge) for them and under him there was _____.

3. But Israel wanted a king for two main reasons: an enemy _____ had moved toward them, and all other nations had a _____ king. (Also, Samuel's sons were _____ good leaders.)

THE RESPONSE OF GOD

1Sam. 10:6 The Spirit of the LORD will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. 7 Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you.

Instead of _____ His people because they had rejected Him as their king, God chose a _____ man, _____ him with the Holy Spirit, and gave him permission to _____.

THE REVISION OF LEADERSHIP

1. The Trial of _____

1Sam. 12:1 Samuel said to all Israel, "I have listened to everything you said to me and have set a king over you. 2 Now you have a king as your leader. As for me, I am old and gray, and my sons are here with you. I have been your leader from my youth until this day. 3 Here I stand. Testify against me in the presence of the LORD and his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Whose donkey have I taken? Whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed? From whose hand have I accepted a bribe to make me shut my eyes? If I have done any of these things, I will make it right." 4 "You have not cheated or oppressed us," they replied. "You have not taken anything from anyone's hand." 5 Samuel said to them, "The LORD is witness against you, and also his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand." "He is witness," they said.

a. Samuel was stepping down as Israel's _____. He was the last judge of Israel, but would remain a _____.

b. Samuel wanted to step down with a _____ conscience. With God as witness, he was cleared of any _____-doing.

2. The Trial of _____

1Sam. 12:6 Then Samuel said to the people, "It is the LORD who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your ancestors up out of Egypt. 7 Now then, stand here, because I am going to confront you with evidence before the LORD as to all the righteous acts performed by the LORD for you and your ancestors. 8 "After Jacob entered Egypt, they cried to the LORD for help, and the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your ancestors out of Egypt and settled them in this place. . . . 11 Then the LORD sent Jerub-Baal, Barak, Jephthah and Samuel, and he delivered you from the hands of your enemies all around you, so that you lived in safety. 12 "But when you saw that Nahash king of the Ammonites was moving against you, you said to me, 'No, we want a king to rule over us'—even though the LORD your God was your king. 13 Now here is the king you have chosen, the one you asked for; see, the LORD has set a king over you. 14 If you fear the LORD and serve and obey him and do not rebel against his commands, and if both you and the king who reigns over you follow the LORD your God—good! 15 But if you do not obey the LORD, and if you rebel against his commands, his hand will be against you, as it was against your ancestors.

a. Samuel showed that the _____ had _____ been there for the people. . . during the patriarchs, the _____, and judges.

b. It was the people who, in fear, moved _____ from the Lord. He never departed from them. And, He would continue to _____ them and their king if they would obey.

3. The Trial of the _____

1Sam. 12:16 "Now then, stand still and see this great thing the LORD is about to do before your eyes! 17 Is it not wheat harvest now? I will call on the LORD to send thunder and rain. And you will realize what an evil thing you did in the eyes of the LORD when you asked for a king." 18 Then Samuel called on the LORD, and that same day the LORD sent thunder and rain. So all the people stood in awe of the LORD and of Samuel.

At a time when it doesn't _____ in Israel, Samuel called on the Lord to _____ thunder and rain, and God _____!

4. The People Find Themselves _____

1Sam. 12:19 The people all said to Samuel, "Pray to the LORD your God for your servants so that we will not die, for we have added to all our other sins the evil of asking for a king." 20 "Do not be afraid," Samuel replied. "You have done all this evil; yet do not turn away from the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. 21 Do not turn away after useless idols. They can do you no good, nor can they rescue you, because they are useless. 22 For the sake of his great name the LORD will not reject his people, because the LORD was pleased to make you his own. 23 As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right. 24 But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. 25 Yet if you persist in doing evil, both you and your king will perish."

a. The people ask Samuel to pray to _____ God on their _____. (And failing to pray would be _____, so Samuel promises to _____ for the people and continue teaching.)

b. Samuel's response is a good _____ for us all:

1. Don't be _____, but give the Lord your _____ heart.
2. Turn away from any other _____ of worship (they can't do you _____; they can't _____ you; they are _____).
3. God won't _____ you— not because of who _____ are but because of Who _____ is (His Name).

4. _____ what the Lord has done and worship Him.

5. Avoid _____ at all costs because it brings judgment.