**THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL LESSON 2**

Saul was from the tribe of Benjamin, which had been almost completely wiped out in the days of the Judges. Judges 19-21 tells the story of how the horrible war that nearly wiped out the tribe of Benjamin started in Saul's city of Gibeah.

**DAY ONE**

Read 1 Samuel 9-10

1. List some of the things that would make Saul appealing to the people as a king.

Answer here

2. List several ways from chapter 10 that God used to make Saul realize he had a special calling to serve Him.

Answer here

3. a. What happened to Saul after the Spirit of the Lord came upon him?

Answer here

b. Comparing John 14:16-17, how is our relationship to the Holy Spirit different than Saul’s?

Answer here

4. Share the different opinions of Saul being anointed as king.

Answer here

**DAY TWO**

The law required at least two witnesses for proof (Deut. 19:15). Samuel asked the Israelites if what he said about his service to God was true, in front of witnesses, they agreed it was. This action would then remind the people that the rest of what Samuel said was true as well.

1 Samuel 12:5

Read 1 Samuel 11-12

1. How was Saul vindicated as the proper choice for king?

Answer here

2. How did Saul explain the victory over the Ammonites?

Answer here

3. Explain Samuel’s purpose in his speech in verse 12:1-5.

Answer here

4. a. Give at least two warnings and two promises that Samuel then shares with the people.

Answer here

b. What confirms his words?

Answer here

**DAY THREE**

Read 1 Samuel 13-14

1. How did Israel respond to their enemy, the Philistines, in 1 Samuel 13:6-7?

Answer here

2. a. Share the events that caused Saul to feel the pressure to act disobediently.

Answer here

b. What was Saul supposed to do according to 1 Samuel 10:8?

Answer here

c. PERSONAL: Can you share a time you were affected by pressures and became impatient?

Answer here

d. How are we encouraged to respond to such pressure in the following verses?

Psalm 27:14

Answer here

Psalm 37:7-9

Answer here

Psalm 62:1 and 5

Answer here

Isaiah 40:31

Answer here

3. Which verse(s) tells of God’s rejection of Saul’s leadership and His intent to replace it?

Answer here

4. a. Contrast character traits in Saul and Jonathan in chapter 14.

Answer here

b. List phrases showing Jonathan’s faith.

Answer here

**DAY FOUR**

The Hebrew meaning here refers to things that were set aside for God. These things were not to be eaten and could not be used for anything else, so they had to be destroyed.

1 Samuel 15:21

Read 1 Samuel 15-16

1. From 1 Samuel 15 give:

a. The commandment to Saul.

Answer here

b. His disobedience.

Answer here

c. His sin exposed.

Answer here

d. His alibi.

Answer here

e. His confession.

Answer here

f. His judgment.

Answer here

g. PERSONAL: What warning can we take away from Saul’s interaction with the Amalekites?

Answer here

2. a. Write out 1 Samuel 15:22 in your own words.

Answer here

b. PERSONAL: What kind of ritual sacrifices can we be making today thinking that is all God requires of us?

Answer here

3. What criteria did God use to choose the new king?

Answer here

4. a. Identify the different influences on Saul in 1 Samuel 16:14.

Answer here

b. How did this lead to a relationship between Saul and David?

Answer here

**DAY FIVE**

Read 1 Samuel 28 and 1 Chronicles 10:13-14

1. a. Share indications that Saul’s kingship is over.

Answer here

b. List some of the possible reasons from Proverbs 1:28-33 why the Lord did not answer Saul in 1 Samuel 28:6?

Answer here

2. What wrong things did Saul do to hear from Samuel after he was dead?

Answer here

3. CHALLENGE QUESTION: List three times in this week’s reading when Saul rejected God’s word and God rejected Saul.

Answer here