



October 1- 1 Samuel 2:12-3:21

1. If you could make one phone call to anyone in the history of the world who would it be, and why?
2. In these verses, what stands out about the character of Eli and his sons, Hophni and Phinehas?
3. How does Samuel's upbringing contrast with that of Hophni and Phinehas?
4. What significance does the call of Samuel have in this passage?
5. How does Eli respond to the message given to Samuel by God?
6. What can we learn about the importance of listening to God and obeying His call from this passage?
7. How does this passage illustrate the contrast between true and false religious leadership?
8. What lessons can we apply from this passage to our own lives today?

October 8- 1 Samuel 4:1-7:2

1. What was a favorite outdoor game you played as a child?
2. What is the significance of the Philistines capturing the Ark of the Covenant in 1 Samuel 4:1-11?
3. Why do you think the Israelites brought the Ark of the Covenant into battle against the Philistines in the first place?
4. How does the death of Eli and his sons in 1 Samuel 4:12-22 reflect the consequences of their actions and the corruption in the priesthood?
5. In 1 Samuel 5:1-5, how does God demonstrate His superiority over the Philistine god Dagon?
6. Why do the Philistines decide to return the Ark to the Israelites in 1 Samuel 6:1-16?
7. What lessons can we learn from this whole passage about the consequences of treating religious symbols or rituals superficially or superstitiously?
8. How does the return of the Ark to Israel in 1 Samuel 6:10-16 mark a turning point in the narrative?

October 15- 1 Samuel 7:3-17

1. What do you think have the potential to become idols in your own personal life?
2. In 1 Samuel 7:3-4, the Israelites were called to repent and turn away from their idols. Why is repentance an important theme in the Bible?
3. What significance does the stone of Ebenezer have in 1 Samuel 7:12?
4. Why did the Israelites fast and confess their sins in 1 Samuel 7:6?
5. How does Samuel serve as a mediator between the Israelites and God in this passage?
6. What lessons can we learn from 1 Samuel 7:3-17 about the importance of seeking God's guidance and repenting when we stray from Him and His ways?

October 22- 1 Samuel 8:1-22

1. If you became the president of the United States tomorrow, what would be your top priority, and why?
2. In 1 Samuel 8:1-3, what were the reasons behind the Israelites' request for a king?
3. How did Samuel react to the Israelites' request for a king?
4. What are some of the warnings Samuel gave to the Israelites about having a king?
5. How did the Israelites respond to Samuel's warnings about the king's demands?
6. What was God's response to the Israelites' request for a king, despite Samuel's warnings?
7. How does this passage illustrate the tension between human desires and God's will?
8. What lessons can we learn from this passage about seeking leadership and guidance in our lives today?

October 29- 1 Samuel 9:1-11:15

1. What was your most memorable party, and why?
2. What are the circumstances that lead to Saul being anointed as the first king of Israel in this passage?
3. What qualities or characteristics of Saul are revealed in these verses?
4. What significance does the anointing with oil have in biblical history, and how does it apply to Saul's situation?
5. What are the signs that confirm Samuel's prophecy to Saul, and how do they impact Saul's perception of his destiny?
6. In what ways does Saul demonstrate leadership qualities or a willingness to lead during the crisis with the Ammonites?
7. How does the response of the people to Saul's leadership reveal the mixed feelings they have about having a king?
8. What lessons can we draw from Saul's early experiences as king in terms of leadership, obedience to God, and the consequences of one's actions?