

## **Week 17**

### **The King We Need**

I have good news. God knows exactly what we need. While we are caught up in outward appearances, God cares more for our heart. He longs for our obedience more than anything. Israel compared themselves to their neighbors and wanted an earthly king. God's desire was for the people to be content with Him as king. Israel's first king was one who looked the part, but he was not wholly committed to the Lord. In His infinite wisdom, God knew what his people needed. They needed a king after his own heart - regardless of what the people had envisioned. David did not come from nobility, wealth, or influence, but that didn't matter to God. What mattered was his obedience to the Lord. God used an unlikely shepherd boy to accomplish his purposes because that young man fully trusted God. Yet, every earthly king will fall short. God waited patiently to send the perfect king, the one we could trust with our hearts, the one who is gracious, sure, and faithful.

### **Bible Reading Plan**

1 Samuel 9-10; Acts 8

1 Samuel 11-13; Psalm 38; Acts 9

1 Samuel 14; Psalm 124; Acts 10

1 Samuel 15-16; 1 Chronicles 1; Psalm 39; Acts 11

1 Samuel 17; 1 Chronicles 2; Acts 12

### **Weekly Questions**

Every week, you'll see the Samuele five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

### **Application Questions**

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. When you consider that God knows and sees our heart, does this bring comfort or conviction?
2. Why is it easy to judge someone by outward characteristics? How can you combat this?
3. What are you willing to endure in order to be a tool of God's grace? Discomfort? Suffering? Judgement?

4. When have you shown partiality? When have you avoided or judged someone simply because of appearances? How will you handle this differently?
5. How do you try to minimize your sin? What does this say about your view of God's grace?

### **Final Thought**

God knew our greatest need was a redeemer. He sent His one and only Son so that whoever believes in him will not perish but have heaven and eternal life. Regardless of race, color, status, or occupation, Jesus fills our greatest need. That is good news!