

1 Samuel 10:17-11:13

Pray

Sermon headings:

A divisive king

A proven king

Read 1 Samuel 10:17-27

1. This is a big occasion in the life of Israel. Why do you think Samuel begins by rebuking the people?

2. Saul is selected by lot to show publicly that he is God's choice from all the tribes of Israel. Why do you think the last we hear of casting lots in the Bible is in Acts 1:26?

3. Why is it ironic that the Israelites are dependent on God's help to find Saul?
 - What does this reveal about sinful human nature?

4. What do you think God's law concerning kingship is intended to achieve?
 - How does this encourage us to view God's law ourselves, and why might we sometimes find this difficult?

5. As an anointed king of Israel, Saul foreshadows Jesus. How can the people's divided opinions about Saul be an encouragement to us today?

Read 1 Samuel 11:1-13

6. In what ways does Saul change as we move from chapter 10 to chapter 11?

➤ What is the cause of this change?

7. What is the difference between righteous anger and sinful anger?

➤ How would you describe Saul's anger here, and why?

8. What do the people think of Saul after this great act of deliverance?

9. How does this whole episode point us forward to Jesus?

➤ How can it deepen our faith in Jesus?

Take time to share prayer requests and to pray about the things you've discussed.