

4th Quarter – Week 2

(Israel Demands a King – Saul Becomes King)

<p>Day 1 1 Samuel 7-8</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ark is transferred to Abinadab's house and Eleazar is commissioned to guard it. After 20 years, Samuel calls on Israel to forsake the foreign gods and follow the Lord, then God will deliver them from the Philistines (7:1-4). • The Israelites gather to have Samuel intercede for them. The Philistines come to attack them. Samuel offers a sacrifice and God defeated the Philistines (7:5-11). • A memorial is set up and the Philistines are defeated bringing peace to Israel for the rest of Samuel's life (7:12-17). • Samuel appoints his sons as he gets old. They fail to walk in his ways. Because of their sin the people ask for a king. God tells Samuel to tell Israel they will have a king, but it will come with a cost because they have failed to trust Him. The people insist on a king and God tells Samuel to give them a king (8:1-22). <p>Jesus Christ: Jesus would come and present Himself to Israel as their King. He would be rejected and crucified.</p>
<p>Day 2 1 Samuel 9</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The background of Saul is given and the account of the search for his missing donkeys. Failing to find his donkeys, he plans to return home. He is then told about Samuel who may be able to help him find the missing animals (9:1-24). • God had revealed the coming of Saul the previous day and identified him as the one to deliver them from the Philistines. As Saul approached, Samuel tells Saul the donkeys have been found, and Israel desires him as king (9:15-20). • Saul objects but Samuel sets a feast for him. Samuel and Saul talk privately on the roof of the house into the evening; He prepares Saul to be anointed king (9:21-27). <p>Jesus Christ: Saul was from the smallest tribe and lowest clan but it was a foreshadowing of Jesus coming as a servant born in a lowly manger.</p>
<p>Day 3 1 Samuel 10</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samuel anoints Saul with oil. Three events will confirm the calling, 1. Two men will confirm the donkeys have been found. 2. Three men near the Oak of Tabor will give Saul two loaves of bread. 3. At Gineah, a group of prophets will meet Saul, where the Holy Spirit will come upon him and he will prophesy and be transformed (10:1-8). • The Lord gives Saul a new heart and the signs come to pass. Saul keeps the information about becoming king secret from his uncle. Samuel gathers the people of Mizpah and rebukes them for wanting a king (10:9-17). • Lots are cast and God identifies Saul as the king. Saul is found hiding but is brought out and proclaimed king and the people are impressed by his height. Samuel explains the role of the king, and Saul returns home (10:18-27). <p>Jesus Christ: Saul hid from the responsibility, but Jesus boldly stepped forward as the King of Israel.</p>

<p>Day 4 1 Samuel 11-12</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King Nahash, the Ammonite, attacks Jabesh-gilead and threatens to gouge out the right eye of every citizen. Saul filled with the Spirit rallies a 300,000 men army. Saul forms three companies of warriors and scatters the enemy (11:1-8). • Saul refuses to execute those who doubted his leadership, and he gives the glory to God. All the people accept Saul as king (11:9-15). • Samuel prepares a farewell address. The people confirm Samuel's clear record serving the people and God. Samuel reviews Israel's history recounting God's faithfulness to deliver them after their sin (12:1-12). • Samuel calls on Israel to fear the Lord. God sends a storm to show His displeasure at their demand for a king. Samuel tells them not to be afraid but turn from empty idols to avoid judgment (12:13-25). <p>Jesus Christ: Samuel interceded for the people. Jesus forever intercedes for His people.</p>
<p>Day 5 1 Samuel 13</p> <p>Read Pg 31-32 <i>What on Earth is God doing?</i></p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saul forms an army of 3,000 men, He keeps 2,000 with his and spends 1,000 with his son Jonathan. Jonathan defeats the Philistines at Geba. Saul summons Israel as the Philistines gather a large force of troops and chariots. Israel hides in caves, thickets, and even cisterns filled with fear (13:1-7). • Saul waits for Samuel but grows impatient. His troops begin to scatter, and he offers a sacrifice himself (13:1-9). • Samuel arrives and confronts and rebukes Saul. Saul makes excuses based on fear and pressure from the people. Samuel declares Saul's rule will not continue and God will seek a man after his own heart. Israel's army is defeated and their weapons are not battle ready because the Philistines prevent blacksmiths from helping them (13:10-23). <p>Jesus Christ: Under pressure, Saul was disobedient, under pressure, Jesus was sinless.</p>
<p>Day 6 1 Samuel 14</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan faces a Philistines outpost with just his armor bearer. God sends an earthquake causing panic and the Philistine fight each other. Saul joins the battle and secures a victory (14:1-23). • Saul foolishly makes a vow forbidding anyone from eating until evening. Jonathan unknowingly eats honey, and the starving soldiers eat meat with the blood still in it violating the law. Saul looks to execute Jonathan for violating those vows, but the people save Jonathan (14:24-46). • A summary of Saul's military victories are given, and summary of his family history (14:47-52). <p>Jesus Christ: Saul made a vow that put his people starving and exhausted. Jesus invites us to come to Him so He can take out burdens (Matt. 11:30).</p>