

KINGDOM COME

We Want a King

I Samuel 8

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Matthew 6:9-13

The Kingdom of God is the _____ or _____ of God.

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I Samuel 8 & Philippians 2:6-11

Questions based on sermon from September 22, 2024

Getting to Know Me

1. When was a time that you went after something you wanted but learned a big lesson instead?
2. Have you ever wanted something, only to be relieved later that you didn't get it?

Digging Deeper

3. What most stood out or resonated with you from Sunday's sermon? What questions came up?
4. Is the idea of the "Kingdom of God" new to you? How would you explain the "Kingdom of God" to a new believer in your own words?
5. Read Psalm 145:10-13a. How do these verses show the connection between praising God and making His greatness known to others?
6. In 1 Samuel 8:6, how did Samuel react to the people's demands? How might responding like Samuel help us live into God's vision for his kingdom people (see Philippians 2:3-4 or Galatians 5:22-26 for a little help)?
7. Read I Samuel 8:7-8. When the people ask for a human king, what does God say they were really doing? How are we tempted to do the same today?

8. Read I Samuel 8:5 and I John 2:15-17. The Israelites admired and desired what was around them. In what ways do we struggle with 'loving the world' or wanting to be like others around us when we are called to be different?

Making it Personal

9. What are you tempted to place your hope in (money, elections, a spouse, job, success...)? What lessons can we learn from Israel's experience in 1 Samuel 8?
10. What does it look like to surrender to Jesus' kingly rule and reign in your daily life? What is one area you need to surrender or trust in God more for this week?
11. C. S. Lewis said in *The Weight of Glory*, "He who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only." In what area do you struggle most to live this way? How can you invite King Jesus to reign over that part of your life?

Prayer

12. Pray for each other in your group, asking that each of us would fully embrace the reality of God's Kingdom – where King Jesus reigns – and live as true citizens of His Kingdom to impact the world around us.

Father, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. By your grace, help us to live fully in your provision, finding deep satisfaction in you and freeing us from envy of what others have. Guard us from placing our hope in anything but you, and remind us to pray for our leaders and all people. May we trust in you to live peacefully and without bitterness so that the world might see you as their hope, too. May your kingdom come, Lord. Amen.

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