

## **1 Samuel Lesson 24**

### **Key Themes in 1 Samuel :**

- The connection between our obedience and our relationship to God
- God opposes the proud and exalts the humble
- Despite human evil, God is working out His purposes in history
- Kingship in Israel and God's plan to one day raise up an anointed divine king

### **Read I Samuel 15:1-35**

1. In 15:3 what exactly does the Lord command Saul to do? According to 1 Samuel 15:2 and Deuteronomy 25:17-19 what have the Amalekites done to deserve such punishment? Why do you think that God commanded even innocent children and animals to be killed?

2. According to 15:6 why are the Kenites spared?

3. What distinguishes the things that Israel destroyed from the things they kept in 15:9?

4. Compare the progression in Saul's responses to Samuel's indictment: How does Saul respond to Samuel's arrival in 15:13? How does Saul respond to Samuel's first rebuke in 15:14-15? To the second rebuke in 15:17-21? To the 3rd rebuke in 15:22-25?

5. Why does Saul change his tune after the third rebuke? What do you think prompted Saul to disobey in the first place?

6. Why do you think that Samuel wants Saul to go back with him (15:25,30, and 31)?

7. How do Agag's thoughts compare with Samuel's in 15:32-33?

8. Why does Samuel refuse to visit Saul according to 15:35? Why do you suppose that Samuel continues to mourn for Saul nonetheless (15:35 and 16:1)?

### **Application:**

1. If you were only concerned with seeking God's glory how would your life be different at home, work, school or even church?

2.. Who plays "Samuel" in your life today - instructing you in the ways of God, rebuking you when you fall short and crying out with God's compassion for you? For whom can you be a "gentle" Samuel?