

1-2 SAMUEL: THE RULE OF A POLITICIAN

Give Us A King **1 Samuel 8.1-22**

1. When is the last time you wanted or did something because everyone else did? How did it turn out?

2. When is the last time you "learned the hard way" because you were given exactly what you asked for? How did it turn out?

3. What reasons did Israel give in their request for a king (see v4-5, 19-20)? What was their real reason?

4. Why was Samuel displeased with the demand of the Israelites? Is rejecting Samuel the same as rejecting God? Why?

5. How do you reject God by letting Him be part of your life but not trusting Him by still doing things your own way?

6. Why were the Israelites willing to ignore the warnings about a king? If you had heard these warnings would you have still wanted a king? Why?

7. When is the last time you ignored God's will and demanded your own way? How did it turn out?

8. What is the king that sometimes rules your life? How well does it satisfy you?

9. Read Matthew 20.28 in view of 1 Samuel 8. What are your thoughts?