

Bible Study
1 Samuel 11 and 12

1. Why would the people of Jabesh Gilead want a treaty with Nahash? What was normally formed a treaty? What does Nahash demand as a sign for a treaty? Why? What do the elders of Jabesh request?
2. How does Saul find out what happened? What happens when Saul finds out about Nahash? What does Saul do to the oxen? Why? How do the people respond?
3. **How** many people muster at Bezek? What message are messengers given to relay to the men of Jabesh-gilead? Why are they so confident? How quick is the battle?
4. What do the people want to do with the troublemakers from chapter 10? What is Saul's response? Where does Samuel say they will renew the kingdom? What do they do when they arrive?
5. Why would Samuel give a farewell address now? What questions does he ask the people? How do they respond?
6. What does Samuel recount in chapter 12 verses 7-11? Why is this important for them to remember?
7. What will happen for the people if they fear the LORD and serve Him? What will happen if the people and the king follow the LORD? What happens if the people do not follow the LORD?
8. Why does Samuel call down thunder and rain? Why would the people be so afraid? What do they ask Samuel to do when the thunder and rain comes?
9. Why would Samuel tell them not to be afraid despite the evil they have done? What does he encourage them to do? What does Samuel mean by "empty things" or "worthless things"? What makes the worthless?
10. Why will the LORD not forsake them despite their tendency to abandon Him? Why would Samuel consider it sinful to stop praying for them and teaching them the right way?