

## Discussion Questions for : I Samuel - The Prophet Samuel & the first King - Saul

1. Start by asking members of your group to share an example of a time when they saw God answer a specific prayer in their life.
2. Read I Samuel chapter one and discuss how God answered Hannah's prayer. What similarities do you see in the birth of Samuel and in the birth of John the Baptist in Luke chapter one?
3. In what ways was Samuel a model for us to follow in chapter 2, 3, and chapter 12:1-5?
4. What were some ways that King Saul was a failure? Compare chapters 13 and 15.
  - Share an example from your life where you acted too quickly and did not wait on The Lord (Ch 13)
  - Share an example of a time when you did not completely or fully obey The Lord. (Ch 15)
5. What can we learn from Samuel's search for a new King for Israel? (16:1-13)
6. What can we learn from David's victory over Goliath? (Ch 17)
7. David shared a special friendship with Saul's son Jonathan. 18:1-5 / 19:1-7 / 20:1-11)
  - Share with your group about a special friend that has impacted your life:
  - David penned many of his Psalms during the time he was a fugitive trying to avoid capture or death by Saul.
  - Compare: I Samuel 22:1 & 24:3 with the words David prayed in Psalm 57 and Psalm 142.
  - Compare other Psalms that were written during this time in David's life include: Psalm 18, 52, 54, 56, 57, 59, 63
8. What similarities and differences do you see between the life of Saul and the life of David?
9. How can you learn to trust The Lord more as you face times of difficulty in your life?

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