

United Kingdom

Trusting in Man

Read 1 Samuel 8: 1-5

What was their concern, is their good reason to worry?

What causes you anxiety or worry?

Read vs 6

What was wrong in their approach?

Why did they seek a human King?

Why is it hard to trust in God and easy to trust man?

Read vs 7-9

Does God force his ways on us?

How does God respond when we turn from him?

Why would God agree to do things their way?

What does this teach us about God?

Summarize for your groups warnings in verse 10-17 (Basically a human king will be a taker compared to God who blesses. King will take their sons, daughters and possessions)

Read vs 8:19 -20

Did they know the consequences of their actions?

Think of times in your own life, when and why do we rebel even though we know there are consequences?

Read vs 20 reread “be like all the nations”

How does it fit with their overall calling of “blessed to be a blessing”?

What is their desire?

When do you have a tendency to compromise yourself to be like the world?

In what ways do we act like the world when we should follow God’s way?

First King of Monarchy – Saul

Read I Samuel 28: 5-8

Did Saul wait and trust God to answer?

When things get tough in what does Saul trust in?

When do you rely and trust in man over God?

What skill or personal attributes do you most rely on in place of trusting God?

Is it wrong to use our human attributes?

Read I Samuel 31:1-3

Summarize the end of Saul’s life?

How would you foresee your life turning out if you lived in continual disobedience from God and trusting only in man?

Second King - David

Read 2 Samuel 2:1, 5:19, 5:23

What is the pattern of David's life?

How does David's life differ from Saul's life?

When things happen in your life good or bad, where do you turn first?

How is life different when you are trusting in God and not man?

Read I Kings 10:23-24

What is the result of an obedient King?

How are they fulfilling their calling? (Blessed to be a blessing)

How do people see God's blessings upon us?

How can you be a blessing to others this week?

Application?

What comes more naturally, trusting in man or relying on God? Explain.

What does that look like putting our trust in God?

We can trust in man and end up like Saul or trust in God and end up like David.