

Sermon Application Study

July 13, 2025

Target Passage → 1 Samuel 9:26-10:16

1. Kings were put into power first by being designated, then through a demonstration of power, and then finally by public confirmation. Can you find this plan in what Samuel tells Saul?
2. Why does Samuel give Saul a series of signs leading up to vs.7?
3. Where does Saul fail in God's instructions? Why do you think he fails at this point?
4. Why does Saul answer his uncle the way he does?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → John 15:19-20, Philippians 2:5-11

For Me →

1. Why does God tell us about Saul's failures? What's the point in giving Israel a bad king?
2. Are there times when you will go only so far in your obedience to the Lord when obedience requires sacrifice or difficulty, like Saul? Explain.

For the Mission →

Think of some modern saviors and kings (e.g. people in authority, things we trust.) How do they fail in their ability to rescue us from our enemies and problems? How is Jesus better?

PRAYER FOCUS

Thank the Lord for the king who truly saves us from our enemies. Praise Jesus, the one who did not turn back from the cross, but endured it, and triumphed over it, to save us.