

# The Voice of the King

**Purpose:** To encourage everyone to remember that God talks to them. He's always there, reminding us of what he would have us do for His Kingdom. Also, we need to remember to take time to honor Him as King. We looked at the life of Samuel, and how God called him to minister to Israel.

## **1 SAMUEL 3:1-21 ~ Samuel is called by God**

**Q:** Why did Samuel say "Here I am!" to Eli?

**Q:** Have you ever mistaken someone else's voice for the voice of God?

**Q:** Have you ever mistaken God's voice for the voice of someone else?

**Q:** What is the proper response to give to God when He speaks to us?

**Q:** Does God always tell us good news?

**Q:** Yet, when we speak His truth, what will happen to our words?

## **1 SAMUEL 7:3-4 ~ Samuel as Judge**

**Q:** What did Samuel instruct Israel to do with their gods?

**Q:** What is a god, with a lower-case?

**Q:** What are we to do when we put them away?

## **1 SAMUEL 8:4-9, 19-22 ~ Israel Demands a King**

**Q:** Why did Israel want a king to rule over them?

**Q:** What were they really saying to God by doing this?

**Q:** Should we try to strive to be like everyone else?

**Q:** What was the response from the people of Israel?

**Q:** What did the people say concerning battles?

**Q:** What do you think God felt as all this transpired?

## **1 SAMUEL 9:1-2, 15-21 ~ Saul Chosen to Be King**

**Q:** When you think of a leader, what image comes to mind?

**Q:** Did Saul look the part he was about to be anointed for?

**Q:** Do you think Saul was a perceptive man?

**Q:** What proof does Samuel give regarding who he is?

**Q:** Does Saul sound willing to accept his charge as king?

**Q:** What excuse does he give?

## **1 SAMUEL 10:20-27 ~ Saul is Presented to Israel**

**Q:** Why did they bother drawing lots for the tribes of Israel?

**Q:** Where was Saul during all of this?

**Q:** What can we see about the character of Saul through all of this?

**Q:** Do you think Saul was cut out for the position?

**Q:** How did the people of Israel see him; by what criteria?

**Conclusion:** So, in seeing the story of Samuel and Saul, what can we learn about listening to the voice of God? Are things always what they seem? Can we base our assumptions strictly on appearances? We need to keep listening to the voice of God.