

## **A Kingdom Established: When We Demand Our Own King 1 Samuel 8:1-9**

- I. We desire substitute kings because God is not enough for us. (1 Samuel 8:1-9)
  
- II. When we desire substitute kings, we open the door to being enslaved. (1 Samuel 8:10-18)

Galatians 4:8 - "Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods."

Characteristics of enslavement:

- 1. Having to have it
- 2. Hiding it or flaunting it
- 3. Blaming life and others
- 4. Manipulation, deception and using people

Proverbs 22:13 - "The sluggard says, 'There's a lion outside! I'll be killed in the public square!'"

- 5. Becoming like it

Matthew 6:24 - "Jesus said, 'No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other...'"

- III. When we desire substitute kings, we begin to look like everyone else. (1 Samuel 8:19-22)

Revelation 17:14 - "... the Lamb will overcome (His enemies), because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called, chosen and faithful."

## Faith Sheet

1. Have you ever heard the phrase "My God is like..." or "My God would never do..."? What do these phrases communicate about one's view of God?
2. Where do you find yourself turning for fulfillment lately other than God? What have you done about it? How would you help someone turn from trusting a false king to trust the real King?
3. In what specific ways do we stand out from the world when we are trusting in God alone as our King and why is this good? 1 Peter 3:15 and 2:11-12
4. Read about God being King, what it means for your life and then praise Him in prayer. 1 Chronicles 16:31, 29:11-12, Exodus 15:18, Psalm 47:6-7, 96:10, 103:19, 115:3, Isaiah 6:5, 37:16, 44:6, Mark 1:14-15, Revelation 11:15, 15:3, and 17:14.