



Deuteronomy 17:14-20

What commands did God give Israel regarding the setting up of a king? Who was the king to be? What was he commanded to do and not do?

1 Samuel 8:4-9, 18-20; 10:17-19

What was improper about Israel's desire for a king here? Was this contrary to God's revealed will for Israel?

1 Samuel 9:1-2; 10:20-27

What qualities of Saul set him apart from the other people and gave him the appearance of a good leader? What are some surface level qualities that we may be tempted to look for in a leader? Should these sorts of qualities influence our view of a leader? (*compare Isaiah 53:2-3*)

1 Samuel 11:5-7, 11-15

What did the Spirit do through Saul to more fully unite the people behind him? What lessons can we learn about effective leadership from this story?

1 Samuel 13:5-14 (compare 9:13; 10:8)

What was wrong about what Saul did here? What were Saul's reasons for acting in this way? What heart problem does this reveal?

1 Samuel 14:13-23

How is the same error of Saul demonstrated in this passage? What principles of godly leadership can we learn from Saul's error?

1 Samuel 15:10-26

In what way was Saul disobedient to the Lord in this passage? What motivated Saul to act in this way? What heart problem and failure in leadership does this reveal?

1 Samuel 15:27-30

How does Saul respond to his sin? Even at this point what is still his primary concern?

What are 3 key lessons we can learn about godly leadership from the failures of Saul?