



The Book of 1 Samuel
Discussion/Reflection Questions

Chapter 1

Hannah poured her soul out before the Lord passionately, in silent prayer.

Who or what is on your heart today that needs your fervent prayers? Pause now and silently lay your requests before the Lord.

Chapter 2

After God answered Hannah's prayers for a son, she praised God and was full of thanksgiving.

Take a moment and share a praise. What prayer request has God answered for you?

Chapter 3

God called Samuel three times before Samuel recognized God's voice.

We must be listening to God, as we read His Word. Share a verse or passage of scripture that means a lot to you because God has clearly spoken to you through it.

Chapter 4

Israel expected a victory because the ark was with them but their disobedience led to defeat.

God is always with you and wants to give you victory but sin holds us back. Confess here below, any sin that is holding you back today.

Chapter 5

False gods will always fail before the One True God! One day every knee will bow to Him.

How does this bring you comfort to see the power of your God displayed in 1 Samuel 5?

Chapter 6

We live in a culture that tends to treat God casually rather than holy. At times, we lean more towards grace than obedience or towards our feelings rather than letting God's Word have the final say.

How have you seen this around you? How can we live differently?

Chapter 7

Israel had strayed from serving God and needed a change of heart.

Are there any areas where your heart has secretly gone astray? How can you redirect your heart today?

Chapter 8

Israel wanted a king so they could be like the other nations. When we take our eyes off of God's Word, we too can be influenced by the world's trends.

In what ways have you seen the church tempted to follow the world's ways over God's?

Chapter 9

God chose someone that the world would have overlooked to become the king of Israel.

How does this encourage you to see that God does not choose those he uses based on status, wealth or background?

Chapter 10

The rejection of the Lord made no sense. Why would anyone reject the one who had saved them?

Sometimes we act like the Israelites and we try to solve our problems on our own. Tell of a time when you have struggled with this.

Chapter 11

Though Israel was scared, they feared disobeying God more than they feared their enemies.

Who do you tend to fear more, God or man? Why?

Chapter 12

Samuel reminded Israel to serve God faithfully because God had done great things for them.

What great things has God done for you and how does that motivate you to serve God more?

Chapter 13

Saul had a heart that reflected Israel's heart rather than God's. A man after God's own heart, honors God above all.

God is still looking for men and women who honor him first. How is your heart today?

Chapter 14

Jonathan knew the odds were against him but he believed with the help of God, he could have victory.

The only thing that hinders God is unbelief. Have you made God too small in your life? In what area do you need to trust God more?

Chapter 15

Saul's sacrifices meant little because he had a disobedient heart.

Have you ever been tempted to give money or serve God rather than obey Him? How is this type of relationship with God empty?

Chapter 16

Even Samuel, a godly man, was judging who should be king based on outward appearances.

God does not see what man sees. God sees everyone's hearts. Tell of a time when you wrongly judged someone based on their outward appearance. What did you learn from this experience?

Chapter 17

David contrasted Goliath's weapons with the name of the Lord God. David was bold, not in his own strength but in God's.

In what area of your life do you need to be reminded that the battle belongs to the Lord?

Chapter 18

As the firstborn son of Saul, Jonathan would have been the heir to the throne, yet he had no jealousy of David.

Jealousy divides. Do you struggle with jealousy in any of your friendships? Confess this sin today.

Chapter 19

From this point until the day Saul died, David was a fugitive on the run for 20 years. What Saul meant for evil, God meant for good. God was making David into a man of God.

How has God used a difficult situation in your life for good?

Chapter 20

God took David on his journey alone, to teach him a greater dependence on Him.

When have you gone through a time of learning greater dependence on God? How did it prepare you for your future trials?

Chapter 21

Just because we are following the Lord, it does not mean we will not have difficult times.

In Psalm 56:3, David said: "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." What are you afraid of today and how can you trust God more?

Chapter 22

David couldn't go home, or go see Samuel or Jonathan and he couldn't go to the house of the Lord. In a humble cave he found refuge.

How is God your refuge and safe place, in times of discouragement?

Chapter 23

Jonathan could not rescue David but he could strengthen him.

Is there someone in your life who is in an inescapable trial? You may not be able to rescue them but how can you strengthen them today?

Chapter 24

Rather than taking matters into his own hands, David trusted God to judge and avenge him against Saul.

What situation in your life, do you need to trust yourself less and trust God more?

Chapter 25

There is a great contrast between Abigail and her husband Nabal. Abigail was god-fearing, gentle and humble despite being stuck in a mismatched marriage.

Are you stuck in a relationship that is mismatched perhaps with a boss, co-worker, family member or spouse? How can you remain gentle and humble in this difficult situation?

Chapter 26

David trusted that God would reward his righteousness and faithfulness.

Do you trust that God will honor your faithfulness and how have you seen this in your life?

Chapter 27

David was discouraged and said in his heart, he was about to die – even though God had promised deliverance.

What we say in our hearts has incredible power to influence our choices. In what ways has your heart discouraged you in the past?

Chapter 28

God was silent when Saul called on him because he had not been following God's revealed will for him.

Have you gone through a time of silence from God when you were living disobediently?

Chapter 29

David was in a bad place. He had no home and was trying to live in both worlds.

Have you ever been in a place where you had too much of the world in you to be at peace with God and too much of God in you, to be at peace with the world? What helped you to stop straddling the fence?

Chapter 30

God, rich in mercy and grace, heard David's cries for help and strengthened him.

God hears the cries of His people. Do you need more strength for today? Call out to God now. Write your prayer below.

Chapter 31

The account of Saul dying is sad, but sadder yet is the fact that Saul knew the previous day he would die and yet he did not repent or cry out to God.

Many tend to think that they will live as they want now and get right with God later in life. Later never comes. Is there something you need to make right with God? Don't wait - do it now.