

Grace Abounds

1 Samuel 10-11

Gracious Preparation of Saul

10:1-8

Samuel privately anoints Saul, revealing _____ choosing and commissioning of Saul as king.

Samuel predicts a series of unfolding events that confirm God's choice to Saul.

God's designated king and God's designated prophet will share the leadership of God's people.

Rely on God's Word and God's Spirit for direction and limits for your life.

Gracious Enabling of Saul

10:9-16

Saul encounters the Holy Spirit, which overpowers and changes the desires of Saul's heart.

Saul encounters the Holy Spirit and exhibits a prophetic gift with no prophetic training.

Rely on the enabling _____ of God to complete the work He directs you to do.

Gracious Concession of God

10:17-27

Samuel gathers Israel at Mizpah and delivers a message of _____ and condemnation.

Lots were used to reveal God's divine choice of Saul.

Saul looks good to human eyes and Israel transitions from the leadership of judges to the leadership of kings.

Samuel records the rights and responsibilities of the king.

Remember God's faithful care in the past to trust His timing in the present.

Gracious Confirmation to All

11:1-15

Jabesh-gilead, a defenseless Israelite city, is besieged by a powerful enemy.

Stirred by the Holy Spirit, Saul rallies the people and defeats the enemy.

Saul is distinguished as king among the Israelites and among the surrounding nations.

Israel assembles at Gilgal to reaffirm Saul's kingship.

Trusting God, the people obediently offer sacrifices and _____.

Respond to the gracious activity of God with trust and obedience.

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EXODUS 34:6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

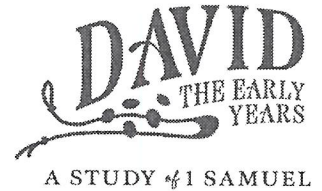
COLOSSIANS 1:28-29 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

PROVERBS 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.

DEUTERONOMY 17:14-15 “When you come to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, ‘I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,’ you may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.”

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1. Read the private conversation between Samuel and Saul in 1 Samuel 9:27–10:8. Describe the gesture performed by Samuel.

To prophesy is to speak divinely inspired words or to speak God's message. Samuel expresses prophetic words from God in the form of a question in 10:1. What is God declaring?

What specific responsibilities does Samuel state pertaining to the role of king (or prince) of Israel?

2. In 1 Samuel 10:2-6, Samuel foretells three immediate signs that will confirm God's message to Saul. Record the details from each sign predicted in the following verses.

1 Samuel 10:2

1 Samuel 10:3-4

1 Samuel 10:5-6

Compare these three signs and write down any patterns or escalations you observe.

Has God ever confirmed His direction in your life using a series of events? Share that experience with your group and write down how these events affected you.

3. Samuel's instructions reveal a unique relationship that will exist between Israel's prophets and Israel's kings. Look carefully at 1 Samuel 10:7-8. Who is giving the instructions to whom?

What is he instructing?

4. Read 1 Samuel 10:9-16 and list the immediate events that validate Samuel's message to Saul.

Gibeah is Saul's hometown, and he is well known there. How do the hometown people respond to these events?

What explanation do you find in verses 9-10 for Saul's new ability?

5. God was currently leading Israel as their God and King, and He was using divinely appointed judges to lead them militarily and spiritually. Look back at 1 Samuel 8:1-5 and describe Israel's situation and their elders' desire.

Read 1 Samuel 10:17-24 where God speaks to Israel through Samuel. Of what past activities does God remind the Israelites in verse 18?

How does God describe their request for a king in 1 Samuel 10:19? How would you describe it, given God's activity in their past?

Reflect and record some of God's gracious activity in your own life. What role does memory play in your present devotion and obedience to God?

6. Describe the process God uses to identify Israel's first king in 1 Samuel 10:20-24.

This process began with Israel's request, but who is clearly choosing Israel's king?

7. Read 1 Samuel 10:25-27 and note the two responses to God's choice of Saul as king.

8. The Ammonites were Israel's enemy and Jabesh-gilead was part of Israel's territory. Saul and the tribe of Benjamin also have family ties and history with this area. Read 1 Samuel 11:1-4 and list the events that occur when Nahash the Ammonite threatens the people of Jabesh-gilead.

9. How does Saul respond to this news in 1 Samuel 11:5-7?

How do the people of Israel respond?

How do you see the Spirit of God working in this instance?

10. Read 1 Samuel 11:8-11 and describe Israel's victory over the Ammonites, which is also Saul's first public act as anointed king.

Look back at the Israelite's desire expressed in 1 Samuel 8:19-20. How might this event in Jabesh-gilead affect their trust in Saul as king?

11. All Israel assembles in a celebratory fashion to reaffirm Saul as king. Read about this in Samuel 11:12-15. Look carefully at verses 12-14 and note the way leadership is shared between Samuel and Saul.

As the people focus on vengeance toward Saul's detractors, how does Saul redirect them?

Saul shows wise leadership as he directs the people's attention to the goodness of God. Consider and record whom you might lead by helping them focus on God's goodness.

12. What was the emotion among the people in Gilgal?

How do you see God's grace and faithfulness demonstrated to Israel in these events?

13. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.