



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

1 Samuel Study 10: Can This King Save?

The events we study this week continue the story begun in chapter 8 when Israel asked for a king. Review what has happened since that request. (See 1 Samuel 8:6-9, 19-21; 9:15-17; 10:1; 16)

Read 1 Samuel 10:17-22

1. The last time Samuel assembled the people at Mizpah, it was to call them to repent (7:5-7). What might the people be expecting to happen this time?

Read 1 Samuel 10:23-27

2. Saul is presented and proclaimed as king, but who is in charge here? What might this suggest about the kind of king God is giving to Israel?

Read 1 Samuel 11:1-5

3. Jabesh Gilead is on the east side of the Jordan. Does it shock you that they are willing to subject themselves to the Ammonite king?
4. Look at the actions of the elders of Jabesh, and the reaction of the people of Gibeah. What difference is it making to them that Saul has been made king?

Read 1 Samuel 11:6-13

5. What happens this time when the Spirit of God comes upon Saul?
6. How does Saul deal with those in Israel who doubted him?
7. What is the relationship between Saul, Samuel and the people?
8. If you were reading this for the first time, how optimistic would you be about Saul's reign over Israel?

9. *Chosen – anointed – challenged – saviour.*

Discuss how this template set by Saul also applied to Jesus. (Work together to find reference verses in the gospels.)

10. *Do you know people who question Jesus ability to save and right to rule? How can you help them know his power and the grace God extends to them?*