

Study Notes for the song **God Is Your King**

READ I Samuel 8; I Samuel 10:17-25 (as well as chapter 9 and 10:1-17 if more detail about the events around Saul's anointing are desired)

DISCUSS:

What reasons did the elders of Israel give for wanting a king?

Were they good reasons? Why or why not?

What kind of judge was Samuel (see 1 Samuel 12:3-4)?

What kind of judges were Samuel's sons (1 Samuel 8:1-3)?

Was Saul eager to become King?

How did God show that He had chosen Saul?

READ I Samuel 10:27 – 11:15

DISCUSS:

Did everyone accept the new King at once?

What did Saul do to win the favor of the Israelites?

Who did Saul credit for his victory over the Ammonites?

READ I Samuel 10:25, Deuteronomy 17:14-20, and I Samuel 12:10-25

DISCUSS:

God had planned to set a King over Israel. In what way were the Israelites rebelling against God when they asked for a King?

What did the Lord require of the people of Israel?

What did He require of the King?

And do not turn aside; for then you would go after empty things which cannot profit or deliver, for they are nothing. For the Lord will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you His people. Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you. But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king.

I Samuel 12:21-22,24-25