

# THE PLAN

## 15. The First King (1 Samuel 8-15) December 19, 2021

### Story Coordinates (1 Samuel 8:1-5)

**People** (Who is the story about?)

**Place** (Where is their home?)

**Presence** (How can they meet with God?)

**Purpose** (What did God tell them to do?)

(Dt. 17:14-15)

### The Story (1 Samuel 8-13)

- The Israelites asked for a king because they would rather put their \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ than God. (8:6-9, 12:8-12)
- God \_\_\_\_\_ the Covenant, against his \_\_\_\_\_ judgment, and appointed them a king. (8:10-22)
- The Israelites accepted God's candidate because he \_\_\_\_\_ to them. (9:1-2, 10:23-25)

- God committed to \_\_\_\_\_ Israel in their new (\_\_\_\_\_) political arrangement. (12:12-25)
- Saul quickly proved to be the \_\_\_\_\_ king for God's people. (13:8-14a)
- God already had a plan to \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom through a king of \_\_\_\_\_. (13:14b)

### The Morals

- God has given us the freedom and authority to make \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ decisions.
- God continues to work with and through us in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ decisions.
- God has the power and \_\_\_\_\_ to redeem us out of our \_\_\_\_\_ choices.

### Spoiler Alert

- God's plan led all the way to the birth of \_\_\_\_\_, who offers \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone. (Luke 1:30-33)

## Small Group Questions

### 1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
- Have you ever gotten exactly what you wanted—and regretted it?

### 2. Into the Bible (Luke 7:36-50)

- What kind of decisions had the woman made in her past? What kind of decisions had Simon made?
- What did Simon think of the woman? What did he think of her chances for redemption?
- How did the woman live out God's command to "be faithful to God" through her actions? How did Simon fail?

- How did Jesus redeem the woman out of her bad decisions?

### 3. Going Deeper

- Have you ever been in God's position in this story—watching someone make a bad decision against your advice?
- If God is willing to work through us in our mistakes, how should that affect the way we treat others in their mistakes?
- How can we walk with others in the consequences of their bad decisions? How does God model that for us?

### 4. Prayer

- Pray for each other as we seek to show grace and compassion to others in their mistakes.