

THE PLAN

16. The Next King
(1 Samuel 15-26)
December 26, 2021

Story Coordinates (1 Samuel 15:1-3)

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?)

The Story (1 Samuel 15-2 Samuel 5)

- Saul _____ God's command, so God _____ Saul as king. (1 Samuel 15)
- God chose _____ to be the next king because he had the _____ God wanted. (1 Samuel 16:6-12)
- David became a _____ of King Saul—his _____ for the throne. (1 Samuel 16:13-23)

- Saul unjustly _____ David and turned him into a _____ . (1 Samuel 18:6-11)
- When David had Saul in his power, he _____ him out of _____ to God. (1 Samuel 24:3-7, 26:8-11)
- David trusted in God to _____ him, even if he didn't know _____ or _____. (1 Samuel 26:23-24)

The Morals

- God wants obedience, not _____ or _____.
- Obeying God means doing what is right, even when it's _____ or _____.
- We obey God because we trust that he will _____ his people _____.

Spoiler Alert

- The birth of Jesus is the proof that God will _____ his people. (Luke 1:50-55)

Small Group Questions

1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

- Saul listened to harp music to sooth his spirit. What helps you sooth yourself when you're stressed or frustrated?

2. Into the Bible (Philippians 2:1-11)

- Read v. 5-8. How does Jesus' story mirror David's story in 1 Samuel?

- Read v. 9-11. How does God's response to Jesus' faithfulness mirror his response to David?

- Read v. 1-4. What does it look like to imitate the humility of Jesus, according to these verses?

- How do we see the humility of Jesus reflected in the Christmas story?

3. Going Deeper

- Have you ever been unjustly persecuted or slandered, like David? How did you want to respond?

- Why is it so hard to trust God's plan and timing when we're in situations like David's?

- How can we become more like David and less like Saul when we are tempted to cut corners on God's plan?

4. Prayer

- Pray for each other and the battles you face to be faithful to God.