

ISRAEL REJECTS GOD AS KING

1 Samuel 8:1-22

Key verse: 7

Discussion questions:

- In what ways is God our true king?
- How can we let him rule? (Mt 6:33)

Inductive study questions:

1. How were Samuel's sons like? (1-3) What request did the people of Israel make? (4-5) How are kings different from the judges? Why is it a struggle for God's people to not be like people of other nations?
2. What did Samuel think about their request? (6) Why shouldn't he need to take it personally? (7) How did the people treat the Lord when He was their king? (8) Why did the Lord allow them to have a king? How did God ask Samuel to respond to their request? (9)
3. Describe the consequences the people would encounter if they had a human king over them. (10-18) How was this like our rejection of God as king? Why did the people refuse to listen to Samuel? (19-20) How did Samuel deal with it? (21-22)