

FEAR AND SERVE THE LORD

1 Samuel 12:1-25

Key verse: 24

Discussion questions:

- What are the characteristics of God's love based on this passage?

Inductive study questions:

1. What challenge of integrity did Samuel make to the people? (1-3) How did this relate to the change of leadership? How did the people answer? How did the people declare Samuel's faithfulness? (4-5) What does this prove about the people's reasons for wanting a king?
2. What leaders had God originally provided Israel, and what had they done for Israel? (6-8) What cycle of sins had Israel committed, and what happened as a result? (9-11) What lesson did Israel still need to learn about God?
3. What change had Israel requested and under what circumstances? (12) How did this fit Samuel's point? What application did Samuel make now that Israel had a king? (13-15) Would the kingship solve Israel's problem? Explain. How did God respond to Samuel's prayer? Why? (16-18)
4. What conclusion did the people reach? What request did they make? (19-21) What assurances and predictions did Samuel then give? (22-25)