

“LOOKING FOR LEADERS”

1 Samuel Overview

Leaders are in big demand but short supply. The kinds of leaders that move family faith forward, mobilize members in ministry, and advance the cause of Christ with courage. What lessons can we learn from Israel’s look for leaders?

I. FROM THEOCRACY TO MONARCHY 1-8

Leaders Must _____ the Worship of God.

II. FROM SAMUEL TO SAUL 9-15

Leaders Must _____ the Word of God.

III. FROM SAUL TO DAVID 16-31

Leaders Must _____ on the Work of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Samuel 8. Why did Israel want a king? Why did God view this as a rejection of Him? Do you think we are capable of making this same mistake? How?
2. During the monarchy period, kings were to rule as God’s representatives. Read Hebrews 13:7, 17 and 1 Peter 5:1-4. In what ways is leadership in the church today both similar and different?
3. Read the account of Saul’s disobedience in 1 Samuel 15. What did he do wrong? See verses 22-23. Do you ever try to use spiritual sacrifices to cover up disobedience?
4. Read the exchange between Saul and David in 1 Samuel 17:33-37 as David prepares to meet Goliath. How would you contrast their two leadership views? Which one characterizes you?

KNOW HISTORY





I. FROM THEOCRACY TO MONARCHY (1-8)

- A. Misfire on the Role of a Leader
- B. Misfire on the Soul of a Leader

*Leaders Must REINFORCE
the Worship of God.*

KNOW HISTORY

II. FROM SAMUEL TO SAUL (9-15)

- A. Failure to Persist in Obedience
- B. Failure of Partial Obedience

*Leaders Must REVERE the
Word of God.*

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WORDS

VALUES

ACTIONS



NEW YORK — A top New York state official has told The Associated Press that Gov. Eliot Spitzer — caught up in his alleged participation in a prostitution ring — will resign effective Monday, March 17.

III. FROM SAUL TO DAVID (16-31)

A. The Test of Courage

B. The Test of Character

*Leaders Must RELY on the
Work of God.*

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