

Growth Group Guide for ...

1 Samuel 8

*This is a list of questions to help Growth Groups discuss the passage.
Pick and choose the questions as time and situation permit.*

Read 1 Samuel 8 before Growth Group.

1. Recap on what has taken place in chapters 4-7.
2. What was wrong with the request of the people (v1-5)? Who are they rejecting by making this request (v6-7)?
3. What sort of King is God and why is it silly to request another king (v9-18)? What sort of subjects are the people (v8)?
4. What were the Israelites relying on for victory in (4:3)? Why didn't their plan work (4:6-10)? What are they relying on now (v19)? Why won't this scheme work?
5. God answers Israel's 'prayer' in the way that they were expecting (v22). How might this be a form of judgment?
6. What might we learn about God's grace being seen in not always answering prayer in the way that we might first demand?
7. How have the Israelites shown contempt for God in this chapter? In what ways might we show similar contempt?