

Week of March 11, 2018

This Week's Focus: Jesus is the King of kings who alone can save us from our greatest enemies – sin, Satan, and death.

This Week's Text: 1 Samuel 10

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text?
- Briefly recount the story from 1 Samuel 1-9. How did God use ordinary means to fulfill his extraordinary plan to save Israel from their enemies and to restrain them?
- What three signs did Samuel tell Saul that he would encounter on his way to Gilgal? What was the purpose of these three signs? How do these signs serve to remind Saul of his original, providential meeting with Samuel? Reference 1 Samuel 9:20, 23-24, 10:1.
- Discuss the differences between the Holy Spirit's temporary empowerment of Saul and the Holy Spirit's role in the life of New Testament believers? Reference Ephesians 1:13-14, Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, John 16:13, Romans 8:11. Do you think Saul's new heart (verse 9) meant he was saved? Why or why not?
- Why must we never separate the Holy Spirit's work from the authoritative word of God? Do you approach the Scriptures with humility asking the Holy Spirit to make God's truth clear? Do you seek the Spirit's power to equip you to love and serve God and others? What are your spiritual gifts and are you exercising them for the glory of God and the edification of the church?
- Why do you think Saul didn't give his uncle the whole story? Reference verses 14-16. Why do you think he hid among the baggage at Mizpah?
- Why did Samuel gather the people of Israel together at Mizpah? What does he remind them about God and themselves? Reference verses 18-19. Why is it important to regularly rehearse to ourselves and to each other God's faithful love and grace? Share how God has proven himself trustworthy in your life.
- Discuss how the gospel saves us from the false saviors of religion and irreligion.