

Life Group Discussion Questions

March 3, 2019

1 Samuel 12

1. Read 1 Samuel 12:1-4. Discuss the reasons Samuel had for asking the people these questions about his time leading them.
2. Think about some leaders you have known, at any level they have led; how would they fare in an exit interview of this kind?
3. On a scale of one (lowest) to ten (highest) where do you place the importance of a leader's personal integrity?
4. List some ways a leader can be held accountable for being a leader of integrity.
5. Read 1 Samuel 12:6-13. Imagine yourself as part of the crowd listening to Samuel. Observe the faces and body language of the people as Samuel reminds them of God's care for them. What kinds of responses do you see?
6. Describe a time you were confronted after making a choice that disappointed someone important to you. How did it make you feel?
7. Read 1 Samuel 14-18. Why was it important that Samuel declare the sign of the unusual storm after admonishing the people to not forget God?
8. What kinds of reminders do you need to remember that God is the True King, not the political players of the day?
9. Read 1 Samuel 12: 19-25. Discuss God's nature of grace and mercy that:
 - allows us to make bad choices,
 - allows us to experience the consequences of those choices,
 - promises to never reject us because of our bad choices.

Close with a few moments of quiet reflection on the idea that God loves us because of who He is, not what we do. Ask to be shown how you should respond to that kind of love.