

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* The book of 1 Samuel is a transitional book. It begins in the time of the Judges and leads us into the reign of David.
- \* The three primary characters of this book are: Samuel, Saul and David.
- \* As the book of Judges was summarized by two key passages (2:8,10 and 21:25), so the remainder of Israel's history can be prefaced with Israel's statement recorded in 8:19-20 "No, but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations"
- \* Two weeks ago we examined the anointing of Saul by Samuel. In that message we saw the sovereignty of God guiding the events in Saul's life to bring him to the city at which Samuel was waiting to anoint him.
- \* God had chosen a king according to their desires. The description of Saul: "there was not a more handsome person than he ..."
- \* Today, we see the process of Saul's acceptance as the king.

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE CO\_\_\_\_\_ATION AT MIZPAH (10:17-27)****A. The A\_\_\_\_\_tion of the LORD (10:17-19; Rev 2:1-7)****B. The S\_\_\_\_\_tion of the King (10:20-25)**

1. THE PRO\_\_\_\_\_OF FINDING THE KING
2. THE PRO\_\_\_\_\_OF FINDING THE KING (v. 10:21-23; Psalm 139)

**C. The R\_\_\_\_\_tion of the People (10:26-27)**

1. SOME FOLLOWED SAUL (v. 26)
2. SOME DESPISED SAUL (v. 27)

**II. THE CO\_\_\_\_\_ATION AT JABESH GILEAD (11:1-11)****A. The P\_\_\_\_\_ation of the Ammonites (11:1-4)**

1. THE CONDITIONS OF SURRENDER
2. THE REACTIONS OF THE PEOPLE

**B. The S\_\_\_\_\_ation of the LORD (11:5-11)**

1. E\_\_\_\_\_ING SAUL (11:5-7)
2. M\_\_\_\_\_ING ISRAEL (v. 7-8)
3. D\_\_\_\_\_ING JABESH (v. 9-11)

**III. THE CO\_\_\_\_\_ATION AT GILGAL (11:12-15)****A. The Reaction of the People (11:12)****B. The Response of Saul (11:13)****C. The Resolution of Samuel (11:14)****D. The Renewal of the Kingdom (11:14-15)****D. The Rejoicing of the People (11:15)****INTROSPECTION**

- \* HOW WOULD GOD DESCRIBE YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO HIM?
  - HAVE YOU ACCEPTED HIS REDEMPTION?
  - IF SO, ARE YOU LIVING FOR HIM ... OR ... HAVE YOU LEFT YOUR FIRST LOVE?
- \* WHAT IS YOUR SELECTION PROCESS FOR CHOOSING A "KING"?
- \* WHERE DO YOU TURN FOR DELIVERANCE WHEN THE ENEMY ENCAMPS AROUND YOU?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND ACT?