

SESSION 1 - PURPOSE

How are you feeling about leading bible studies in 1 Samuel this year?

1 & 2 Samuel

Hannah's prayer [1 Samuel 2:1-10] / David's songs [2 Samuel 22-23]

Can you think of a great reversal God works in 1 Samuel?

MAIN POINT: GOD ALONE WILL SAVE THROUGH HIS OWN KIND OF KING

- The way God works – salvation through great reversals
- The kind of king we need and how God will establish him
- How to trust and wait as we follow that kind of king

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in their own eyes.
Judges 21:25

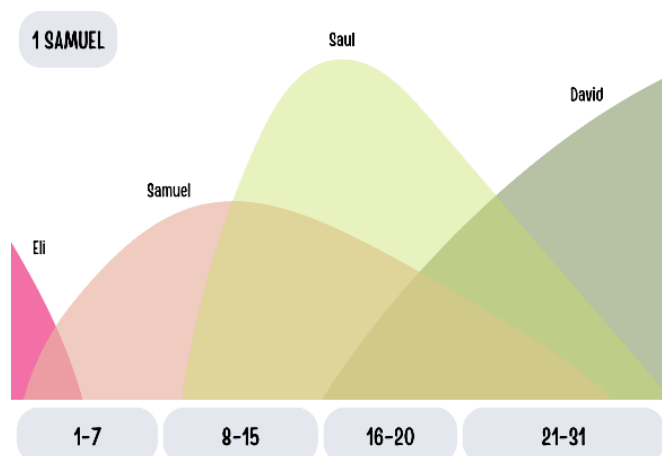
SESSION 2 - STRUCTURE

An uncontroversial structure:

- 1-7 Story of Samuel (and Eli)
- 8-15 Story of Saul (and Samuel)
- 16-31 Story of David (and Saul)

A slightly more controversial structure:

- 16-20 Story of David in Saul's court
- 21-31 Story of David on the run



Two questions to keep asking:

- What kind of king is God saying we need?
- What will it be like to follow that king?

1-7 The Lord God is king. He saves by great reversals.

1 Samuel 2:1 *"My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord..."*

8-15 Not by a mighty human king whose self-reliance leads to disobedience,

1 Samuel 15:26 *And Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you. For you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel."*

16-20 But by a humble and dependent king who trusts God for salvation...

1 Samuel 17:47 *"...and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with the sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands."*

21-31 ...And leads his people in waiting on God to avenge.

1 Samuel 25:32-33 *And David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! Blessed be your discretion, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodguilt and from avenging myself with my own hand!"*

SESSION 3 – TEACHING & APPLYING

- Everyone needs to READ IT!
- Don't skip the stories
- Not just a history lesson
- Them then to us now
- Murky morals and ambiguous actions
- Apply to your heart and mind