

groups

Study Group: Leader Guide
1 Samuel 9-14 – March 16th-22nd

CHECK-IN

An opportunity to show authentic community as we **share the struggles** and **celebrate the victories** we've experienced in the last week.

STUDY

Main Topics: Leadership, Mercy, Reign

- What do these chapters help you understand about God?
- What do you think Saul or Samuel may have been feeling throughout chapter 9?
- What were the three steps taken to establish Saul as King?
- When do we see Saul lead the Israelites well in these chapters?
- What are some keys to cultivating godly leadership like we see described of Samuel in chapter 12?
- How does Saul's life contrast with the life of Jesus?
 - How does Saul's rule over the people of God contrast with Jesus' rule?
- Where do we see God's mercy displayed in these chapters?

APPLY

- Samuel calls the Israelites to remember events that have demonstrated God's faithfulness. What moments do you call to mind when you are tempted to doubt God's faithfulness?
- What are some positions of leadership or influence you have in your community?
 - Are there aspects of that leadership that you are not fully surrendering or submitting to God?
- What did Francois say will happen if we do not establish God's kingdom and reign in our hearts? (see Leader Notes)
- As Francois asked on Sunday, how can we establish the king *within*?
- Last week some of us identified "kings" we no longer want to rule over our lives. How has it been "dethroning" that king this last week?
 - Are there any other "kings" that you no longer want to rule over your life?

CLOSE

Which attributes of God did you see in this week's passage? How should it change the way that you pray, think, speak or act this week?

Leader Notes:

- Saul Established
 - Anointing (9:1-2)
 - Chosen by Lot (10:17-24)
 - Victory in Battle (11:6-11)
- Without God's kingdom and reign in our hearts we will do exactly as Saul did:
 - At a crucial moment, we will hide (9:22).
 - We will become impatient, we do not wait for God (9:8-14).
 - We will become disobedient, we seek our own glory (15:9-11).

Reminders to Leaders:

- This guide is to help you facilitate discussion with your Study Group.
- Use it as a resource to lead your group in discovering and owning the truths of God's Word.
- There may be questions you do not want to use and there may be instances where you just want to focus on a particular point or truth.
- Some questions may bring out emotions and cause people to dwell on their relationship with God. Your role is to **facilitate this experience, not to complete** the discussion guide.

What are Groups?

Groups at Boca Community fall into 4 categories: Study, Equipping, Serve or Outreach. Each group consists of 8-16 people who encourage, challenge and care for one another as they walk through life together.

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