

groups

Study Group: Leader Guide
In Search of a King
1 Samuel 15 – March 23rd-29th

CHECK-IN

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

- Spiritual health
- Physical health

STUDY

Main Topics: Sin, Confrontation, Disobedience,

Read 1 Samuel 15

- What does this chapter help us understand about God?
- What's the back story to the Amalekite and Israelite relationship? (Exodus 17:8-16)
- Why is it important to read chapter 15, or any chapter for that matter, with the overarching narrative of the Bible in mind? (see Leader Notes)
- What layers of sin do we see in Saul throughout this chapter?
- How does one reconcile the statements where God says He regrets making Saul king and where Samuel says God does not lie or have regret? (see Leader Notes)
- How does Saul justify his disobedience of God?
- What do we learn God really wants from Saul and His people?
- How is our disobedience and rebellion overcome? (see Leader Notes)

APPLY

- Why is partial obedience the same as disobedience?
- What can we learn from how Samuel responds to Saul's rejection of God?
- Why don't Christians often speak the truth in love to each other and confront one another's sin?
- What are typical reactions people give when confronted with their sin?
- Are there any areas in your life where you are listening to others' voices instead of the voice of God?
- How do you try to justify your sin before God, family, or friends?

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?