

Finding Home in Self: A Study of Saul

Saul was anointed into a very difficult situation. God promised him success if he was dependent on Him. But, as the story of Israel goes, Saul soon found himself and his kingdom relying on self rather than God.

Summary of Today's Lesson: Saul shows us the dangers of relying on the worldliness of self. Instead of relying on God, Saul experiences the consequences of selfishness.

Everyone is looking for a home. Home is where your Heart, Soul, Mind and Body find comfort, identity, and belonging. **Many seek home in the ways of the world.**

1. **Finding Home in self often results in FEAR and IMPATIENCE.**
2. **Finding home in self causes man to look at GOD'S WILL through the WORLD'S EYES.**
3. **Finding home in self DEVELOPS JEALOUSY.**
4. **Finding home in self leads to COMPLETE SELFISHNESS.**
5. **Finding home in self ENDS IN ISOLATION.**

Study Guide

Finding Home in Self – 1 Samuel: Saul

Summary of Today's Lesson: Often times it is tempting, and much easier to be reliant upon ourselves. But, true success in life comes only through obeying God. Even though the world praises independence, God wants us to be fully dependent on Him.

Getting to Know Me: (these questions are designed to get your group started and build community)

1. What is one thing that excites you about spring?
2. Name one thing you did for the Easter holiday.

Getting Started: (these questions are designed to “prime the pump” and get the group thinking about the teaching on Sunday)

1. What was one principle/idea/thought that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
2. Have you ever witnessed the consequences of selfishness laid out in the sermon?
3. How are the struggles of today's world similar to those the Israelites were facing?

Digging Deeper: (these questions are “text-based” and designed to help get the group talking about the Scriptures together)

1. In Chapter 8, why do you think Samuel was so upset with Israel's decision to ask for a king?
2. Saul often tried to do what he thought was right but often found that it was against God's will. How do you know if your good deeds are of yourself or of God?

Application:

1. What is one area of selfishness you need to depend on God for?
2. What is one practical step you can take this week to make that a reality?