

The Life of David

Study 1 – See Saul Slowly Sink



Each table read one of the following chapters then be prepared to discuss the contents of your chapter at the appropriate time.

1 Samuel Chapter 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Key scripture:

1 Samuel 15:22-23 *But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king." (from New International Version)*

David is a well known Biblical character known for:

- the *events* of his life
- the *sins* of his life
- the *range of passion and emotions* he demonstrated

To appreciate the story of David one must study his predecessor, King Saul.

Events leading up to David being anointed as King in 1 Samuel 16

- Israel desires a King
- God gives Israel the King they want
- God anoints King Saul to do the work
- King Saul shows signs of humility, leadership, and grace
- God tests King Saul for obedience
 - Saul's first failure at obedience costs his family the dynasty
 - Saul's second failure at obedience costs King Saul his Kingdom
- Saul shows signs of instability, rashness, and an unrepentant heart
- God searches for Saul's replacement. A man who ...

1 Samuel 13:14 *But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command." (from New International Version)*