

Sermon Notes

What kind of leader are you looking for?

1 Samuel 8.1-13.15

1. God's people naturally want the wrong kind of leader: (8.1-22)

- a) **A leader like the nations**
- b) **A leader who replaces God as their king**
- c) **A leader whose strength comes from take, take, take**

→ *The opposite of Jesus, the King we need* (Mark 10.42-45)

→ *The opposite of how leadership in Jesus' kingdom should work*

Chs 9-11: In Saul, God gives them the "you asked for it" king. Behind outwardly promising signs (tall, good looking, wealthy background) and initially promising results (saving Israel in battle), danger looms...

2. God's king must not replace God but lead in obedience to him (12.6-25)

3. Saul, the people's choice, decides under pressure to not fully obey God but take matters into his own hands (13.5-15)

→ *The opposite of Jesus, the King we have!* (Mark 10:33-34)

Conclusion: will we value what God says matters most in a leader?

- As we appreciate Christ
- As we consider church leadership