

## 1 Samuel 9-10

### Saul Made King

1. We have probably all watched some type of award show or have seen someone being honored at a banquet or a ceremony. How do various honorees react in those situations? Whom do you admire in those situations? Who makes you laugh? Who makes you want to change the channel?
2. Watch the video *Saul Made King*
3. Saul and his servant are hunting for some lost donkeys? Whose idea is it to go into a nearby town to seek help from the prophet?
4. How do they find the prophet?
5. Throughout this story, we see Samuel giving Saul very specific instructions and prophecies. Why is Samuel so detailed in what he shares with Saul? Does Saul follow the instructions?
6. When you read 1 Samuel 9:1-14 what do we learn about Saul? Is he someone that you would choose as a leader?
7. Read the following Scriptures about Samuel.
  - a. 1 Samuel 3:19-20 says, “The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel’s words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the Lord.”
  - b. 1 Samuel 7:3-5 says, “So Samuel said to all the Israelites, “If you are returning to the Lord with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.” So the Israelites put away their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the Lord only.
  - c. 1 Samuel 7:15-17 says, “Samuel continued as Israel’s leader all the days of his life. From year to year, he went on a circuit from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpah, judging Israel in all those places. But he always went back to Ramah, where his home was, and there he also held court for Israel. And he built an altar there to the Lord.”

But Saul doesn’t know Samuel. What does this tell us about Saul?

8. Why did God allow Saul to become King of Israel?
9. What have you learned about God from this story?

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