

- 1) Last Sunday, we learned that we all have strongholds, and yet, God still loves us. Over the past week, how were you able to trade in your strongholds for the abundant and free life that God has called us to?
- 2) Read 1 Samuel 8:1-9. Why did Israel choose to demand a King? What do you think is wrong with their demands? Finally, how does God respond to their demands?
- 3) Like Israel, we often put something besides God on the “throne of our life.” What do you tend to put on the throne? Perhaps your career, a relationship, or even seeking control? Discuss this with your group.
- 4) Read 1 Samuel 8:10-18 and Galatians 4:4-7. What differences do you see between the ways Israel’s human king chooses to rule and how God chooses to rule?
- 5) Read 1 Samuel 12:22. This week, how should this verse affect your walk with God? With a desire to become like Christ in all of life, consider setting aside time to memorize and contemplate this verse.

**Worship through Action:** This week, we learned in 1 Samuel 12:22 that God is a faithful, loving King, despite our rebellion. Take some time to memorize this verse, and after doing so, who is someone you can share the truth of this verse with?