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**Passage:** 1 Samuel 10:17-11:15

1. Read 10:17-19. God is speaking in the first person as he addresses the nation Israel. God is reminding them of everything He had done for them in the past. Forgetting what God has done is such a common sin that He calls His people repeatedly not to overlook their past, but to remember it! For example, Deuteronomy chapter 9 exhorts the Israelites not to forget their sin in the wilderness so they don’t fall into sin again and experience God’s discipline. Paul also calls Timothy to, “remember Jesus Christ” so that he will persevere in all circumstances (2 Tim. 2:8–13). How can remembering God’s actions in the past help you be courageous as you make decisions for the future? Talk about this need for remembering as you look at these portions of scripture (Luke 22:19, Psalm 77:11, Exodus 12:14). Share how the past actions of God give us strength for the future.

2. God clearly states that Israel’s desire for a king was a personal rejection of Him. God knew they would look to their king for their needs to be met and take their eyes off Him. Can you think of a time in your life where God allowed you to have something you really wanted that wasn’t necessarily the best for you? What does this tell us about the heart and nature of God?

   It looks as if Saul is hiding from the people because this road to Kingship came a little fast, and he was a bit fearful. We see through this narrative that God was going to use Saul to write history for His glory whether he was up for it or not! We have also been called to write history for God’s glory. In what ways do we hide in fear instead of stepping up courageously?

4. Read 11:5-8. During Sunday’s message, we referred to Judges 19-21 where we could assume Saul, as a Benjamite, had family ties to Jabesh Gil-e-ad. This would be another God ordained detail pressing Saul to risk his future and very life to save the people of this city. It becomes crystal clear that every detail of this storyline was directly orchestrated by God. It also becomes obvious that the only way Saul was able to achieve victory over the Ammonites was because God’s Spirit came upon him! Talk about the power of God’s Spirit in the life of a believer (Romans 8:11; 1 Peter 3:18). Share with one another how the Holy Spirit has called and prompted you to step up and make a difference for the Kingdom.

5. Read 11:15-17. Throughout Israel’s history, we find God’s people always celebrating! They celebrate victories in battle and arranged their lives around feasts and festivals. Even today Jews celebrate their richly preserved history more than most people groups worldwide! Why would God want them to celebrate so much and so often? How do you celebrate and remember? What’s on your calendar? Advent, Christmas, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Lord’s Supper/Communion, Easter, Ascension Sunday, Pentecost, Reformation Sunday etc… What else?
Closing thought: What is the next step God wants you to take? How do you plan on writing Acts 29 and following?