

## Sermon Text Discussion Notes 9/16/2018

“The King We Want Verses the (Infinitely Better) King We Need” - 1 Samuel 8-10 by Drew Hunter

### Overview

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Do I view God as a taker or as a giver? When I draw near to God, how do I perceive him to be? How we answer these questions reveal both our understanding of God and our heart toward him. In these chapters, we get our first glimpse into the kind of leader Israel demands (to their own detriment). This stands in stark contrast to the person of Jesus, the one true King:

- 1) Israel demands a king (ch.8)
- 2) God provides a king (ch.9)
- 3) Samuel anoints a king (ch.10)

Instead of being a taker, Jesus is the greatest example of being a giver. He gave up much to become a man, and he gave up his own life that we might benefit as recipients of God's grace.

### Quotations

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“Our life is only lived in moments.” -Francis Schaeffer

“Everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it's not the answer.” -Jim Carey

### Understanding & Application

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- 1) Do I view God as a taker or as a giver? When I draw near to God, what are some of the attributes I perceive him to have?
- 2) In addition to the attributes mentioned in your discussion of question #1 above, what other attributes of God are highlighted in Scripture that should make us want to draw near to God?
- 3) Saul was very tall, wealthy, and handsome. What leadership attributes did he possess and model?
- 4) What leadership attributes does Jesus model? Use scripture references to back up your answers.
- 5) Sin never leads us to true freedom – it always leads us to slavery. Share your personal experience of this or an example from scripture with your group.
- 6) Am I a giver?
- 7) We are called to live moment by moment in faith. How has the Lord stretched your faith this past week?