

**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

I SAMUEL 7:3 – 8:22

Day 1 – Read I Samuel 7:3 – 8:22

1. What part of the lecture on I Samuel 4:1 – 7:2 was most significant to you?

Day 2 – Review I Samuel 7:3-6

2. What did Samuel state were the conditions for deliverance from the Philistines?

3. How did Samuel serve the Israelites? (Vs. 5, 6)

4. What did the Israelites do?

5. What do you think was the significance of pouring out water? See II Sam. 14:14a.

6. Which of these steps do you think showed true repentance? See Mt. 3:8.

7. As we apply this to our lives, what do you see as the steps involved in seeking a closer relationship to the Lord?

Day 3 – Review I Samuel 7:7-12

8. a. How did the Israelites respond when the Philistines came against them? (Vs. 7, 8)
 - b. How does this compare to their response in I Samuel 4:3, 4?
9. When the Philistines attacked, how did God answer the prayer of the Israelites?
10. What part did the men of Israel have in the victory?
11. After the victory, who was given the glory?
12. God fulfilled His promise of deliverance to the Israelites. God promises deliverance to you through His Word from your enemies of Satan, the world, and self-will. Give the type of deliverance and/or enemy mentioned in these Scriptures.
 - a. Matthew 11:28
 - b. John 16:33
 - c. John 17:14, 15
 - d. Galatians 5:22-24
 - e. James 4:7

Write down other promises that come to your mind.

Do you have confidence in these promises or is your first response like the Israelites in verse 7 (fear of enemy)? Pray earnestly, as Samuel did in verse 9 (cried to the Lord), over any lack of faith you may be experiencing and praise God for all He has done for you in the past.

Day 4 – Review I Samuel 7:13 – 8:3

13. What did Samuel do in Ramah?

14. Who made Samuel's sons judges over Israel?

15. a. What did Samuel's sons do that showed they did not walk in his ways?

b. How does this compare to Eli's situation in Chapter 2?

16. As a parent, what control does God expect you to have over your grown children? Give verses with your answers when possible.

Day 5 – Review I Samuel 8:4-22

17. Who asked for a king and what reasons did they give?

18. What was Samuel's reaction and why do you think he felt that way?

19. When Samuel sought the Lord, what was the message?

20. The Israelites accepted the Lord as their deliverer in verse 7:12 but were now rejecting him as their king in verse 8:7. Compare this to the life

of a Christian. What does it mean to have Christ as our Savior but not as our King?

21. Why do you think the people were not convinced by Samuel's words (Vs. 10-18)?

22. a. Why do you think God allowed them to have a king despite His warnings that it was not in their best interest?

b. Have you ever been placed in this situation as a parent, teacher, etc.? Explain.

23. What attributes of Samuel are shown in this section?

24. The Israel nation didn't want to be different from other nations. Christians also have difficulty being different from the unsaved people in the world. From these Scriptures, note the various aspects of our call as Christians to be different:

a. Matthew 5:11-16

b. John 15:19

c. Romans 12:2

God wants His people to be like Christ rather than other people. Pray earnestly today that you will act in such a way that it will be very evident to those around you that you have Christ in your life.