

**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

I SAMUEL 11:1 – 12:25

Day 1 – Read I Samuel 11:1 – 12:25

1. What part of the lecture on I Samuel 9:1 – 10:27 was most significant to you?

Day 2 – Review I Samuel 11:1-11

2. Note who was the present enemy of this northern Israelite town, Jabesh-gilead.

3. What was the attitude of the Ammonites?

4. Why do you think the men of Jabesh-gilead were seeking a covenant?

5. Whom did they seek to save them?

6. What was Saul's response to the message from the men of Jabesh?

7. What did the killing of the oxen accomplish? (vs. 7)

8. What was the size of the army that came out to follow Saul and Samuel?

Day 3 – Review I Samuel 11:12-15

9. What phrase did Saul use that showed to whom he gave the glory?
10. Compare 10:27 to 11:12, 13.
 - a. Did success change Saul's attitude toward his adversaries?
 - b. What was his attitude?
 - c. What is your attitude toward those who speak out against you?
11. What 3 things were done when Samuel took the people to Gilgal?
12.
 - a. What place did the Ammonite battle have in God's plan between the choosing of Saul in 10:17-25 and his coronation in 11:14-15?
 - b. How can you apply this to the place your "battles" have in God's plan for your life? See Romans 8:28; John 17:11; Isaiah 40:29-31.

Day 4 – Review I Samuel 12:1-12

13. Samuel points out his virtues in verses 1-4. What are they?
14. Who are the witnesses he calls?
15. Samuel reminds the Israelites of different occasions when the Lord delivered them from their enemies.

a. The occasions in vs. 9-11 represent cycles of sin, judgment, repentance and mercy.

- (1) What was the sin?
- (2) What was the judgment?
- (3) How did they repent?
- (4) How did the Lord show His mercy?

b. To what occasion do Christians look when the Lord delivered us forever from sin? See John 3:16; Romans 6:1-11; I Peter 2:24.

16. Who were the Israelites now expecting to have as their deliverer?

Day 5 – Review I Samuel 12:13-25

17. God allowed the Israelites to choose Saul as their king. From these different sections of Scripture, list the conditions required to keep him.

Verses 14-15	Verses 20-21	Verses 24-25
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.

18. a. What miracle does Samuel ask of the Lord to prove his power?

- b. What was the response of the people?
- 19.
- a. In verse 22, what was the Lord's promise?
 - b. What was the reason behind it?
 - c. What is God's promise to those who become "His people" through Christ? See Matthew 28:20b; John 10:27-28; Hebrews 13:5b.
20. In verse 23 Samuel felt it was a sin not to pray and instruct the nation of Israel. What do you feel is your obligation as a believer toward your nation? See Romans 13:1.
21. In verse 24 Samuel mentions the "great things" God had done for Israel. What "great things" do you consider God has done for your nation?
22. Reviewing verses 24 and 25, what challenges you for this coming week?