

**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

I SAMUEL 13:1 – 14:52

Day 1 – Read I Samuel 13:1 – 14:52

1. What part of the lecture on I Samuel 11:1 – 12:25 was most significant to you?

Days 2 and 3 – Review I Samuel 13:1-23

2. In I Samuel 12:13-25 Samuel had explained what God required of Saul as king of His people. What were these requirements?

3. When Jonathan (Saul's son) smote the garrison of the Philistines, who blew the trumpet (or took the glory)?

4. Compare the size of Saul's army to the size of the Philistine army.

5. How did the people react now that they had the king they desired?

6. a. What was Saul's excuse to Samuel for making the burnt offering without Samuel (I Samuel 10:8)?

b. What did this show about Saul's feelings toward God?

7. What was Samuel's comment and God's promised judgment?

8. What type of king did God seek?

9. Which army, Philistine or Israelite, had the best weapons?
10. Saul ignored God's plan as given to him by Samuel. He sought God in his own way. Today people often seek God in their own way. Check these few Scriptures that reveal God's plan for us. What basic truth do you find in:
- a. John 14:6
 - b. Galatians 3:27
 - c. Ephesians 5:2
 - d. I John 1:7

Examine your heart to see where you stand in God's plan. If you have any questions regarding this feel free to ask your discussion leader or lecturer.

Day 4 – Review I Samuel 14:1-23

11. Who went out of camp to find a plan to save the Israelites?
12. What was Saul doing and who was with him?
13. In whose power was Jonathan trusting to help his plan work?
14. How was his armor-bearer affected by his decision?

15. What do you find in the following Scriptures that will inspire you when it becomes necessary to face an “enemy?”

a. Matthew 19:26

b. Romans 8:31

c. Philippians 4:13

16. What sign did Jonathan seek and in which verse do we find it fulfilled?

17. As Jonathan and his armor-bearer slew the men, what do you think caused the enemy to panic?

18. What did Saul start to do that he never finished when he realized the Philistines were “on the move?”

19. What eventually took priority?

Day 5 – Review I Samuel 14:24-52

20. a. Why were the people in a weakened condition?

b. What was the reason behind Saul’s curse?

c. What was Jonathan’s view of the curse?

21. When Saul finally sought God, what reply was given?

22.
 - a. Why was Jonathan to face death?
 - b. Who rescued him?
 - c. What reasons are given for this rescue?

23. In what way does verse 52 fulfill Samuel's prophesy in I Samuel 8:11?

24. Reviewing chapters 13 and 14, give the events with the verses that show:
 - a. Saul's impatience
 - b. Saul's lack of concern for the Israelites
 - c. Saul's diminishing authority