

**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY  
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**I SAMUEL 15:1 – 16:23**

Day 1 – Read I Samuel 15:1 – 16:23

1. What part of the lecture on I Samuel 13:1 – 14:52 was most significant to you?

Day 2 – I Samuel 15:1-35

2. The characteristics of Saul's kingship are all found in this one event. Identify each of the following, giving thought and verse.

- a. God's command
- b. Saul's disobedience
- c. Confrontation
- d. Saul's excuses
- e. Saul's confessions
- f. God's judgment

Day 3 – Review I Samuel 15:1-35 (continued)

3. About 20 years had passed since Samuel had delivered the message in I Samuel 12:13-25. (Re-read lesson 7, #2 if necessary.)

a. Reviewing I Samuel 14:47-52, do you think Saul appeared to be doing what God expected? Explain.

b. What was his greatest sin?

c. According to verse 22, what is God's desire, sacrifice or obedience?

d. In Romans 12:1, what sacrifice is acceptable to God?

e. What does this mean to you? (in your own words)

4. a. Saul confessed he had sinned. What did he expect from Samuel?

b. Does this show repentance to you? Why or why not?

c. What lessons can you learn from this regarding personal sins or temptations to compromise?

5. Read I John 1:7-10. If you find that your actions have been like Saul's, what comfort can you find in these Scriptures concerning:

a. the blood of Christ

b. forgiveness

c. cleansing

Day 4 – Review I Samuel 16:1-13

6. a. From these verses, give some of the aspects of Samuel's personal feelings toward Saul.

(1) 10:1

(4) 15:35

(2) 15:11

(5) 16:1

(3) 15:31

b. What is your attitude toward people you have ministered to when they turn aside?

7. For what purpose was Samuel sent to Jesse the Bethlehemite?

8. a. What standard for choosing did the Lord give?

b. What does the phrase "the Lord looks at the heart" (NAS) mean to you?

9. a. How did Jesse show he did not think David would be the Lord's choice?

b. What was David's "outward appearance?"

10. How did the Lord call him into service?

11. God has often used people who by the world's standard have little significance. Relate this to the following Scriptures:

- a. Exodus 3:1, 10, 11
- b. Judges 6:11-16
- c. Luke 1:26-32
- d. John 1:25-27

Day 5 – Review I Samuel 16:14-23

12. Why do you think the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul?

13. Since the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4), what is God's promise to believers concerning the Holy Spirit?

- a. John 14:15-17
- b. II Corinthians 1:21-22
- c. Ephesians 1:13-14

14. List the characteristics of David given in verse 18.

15. What was Saul's response to David?

16. After being anointed King, David takes the position of servant in Saul's household. In what way is this an example of Christ's life and of our Christian walk? See Philippians 2:7 and Mark 9:35. Pray that you will be His example.

17. As we will see in our study, the life of David points to Christ in many areas. Give some of the similarities in this lesson using these Scriptures:

- a. I Samuel 16:13; Matthew 3:16
  
- b. I Samuel 16:18; Luke 2:4-6
  
- c. I Samuel 16:11; John 10:11