

► **Outline**

Today's Message based on 1 Samuel 8:1-22.

You must be holy because I, the LORD, am holy. I have set you apart from all other people to be my very own.
Leviticus 20:26 (NLT)

Holy = Heb. *qâdôsh*; distinct, separate _____

... Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? ...
James 4:4 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(1 Samuel 8:1-5. C/R: Deuteronomy 14:2; 17:14-15; John 15:8; Romans 12:2)

B. Following the world means...

(1 Samuel 8:6-22)

1. _____ **God.**

(1 Samuel 8:6-9. C/R: Psalm 107:11; Matthew 15:8-9; Hebrews 3:12)

2. _____ **God's** _____.

(1 Samuel 8:10-20. C/R: Deuteronomy 17:14-20; Colossians 3:1-3; 1 Peter 1:13-15)

3. _____ **God's** _____.

(1 Samuel 8:1-22. C/R: 2 Samuel 7:12,16; Proverbs 12:15; Romans 1:21-22,24; Galatians 5:13)

Answers: different **B. 1.** Rejecting **2.** Refusing, warnings **3.** Receiving, release

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue your relationship with Jesus. Take time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

What are qualities of a really great boss or supervisor?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [1 Samuel 8:1-9](#).

1. At first glance, it looks like the elders wanted a king because Samuel's sons were greedy and lacked integrity ([vs. 1-5](#)). A king seemed like a reasonable request. But what did God say was their real motive for wanting a king ([vs. 6-9](#))? What sin was in their heart?
2. How does [Exodus 20:2-6](#) relate to their desire for a king?

Read [1 Samuel 8:10-22](#).

3. Based on this passage, what are character qualities of a corrupt leader?
4. How does God warn us when we are about to go down a bad path?
5. Have you ever sensed God warning you about something you were doing or thinking? If so, how did He warn you? How did you respond?
6. Why do you think God didn't simply say *no* to their request for a king?
7. Name several ways God has shown Himself to be a good King.
8. What does it mean personally for you to treat God as your King?

Communicate with God

Ask God these questions, then listen quietly for His response.

9. God, what are You saying to Brookwood Church from this passage? What's the *one central truth* You want us to know?
10. As a member of this church family, how do You want me to respond to what You're saying? What steps do You want me to take?

Soul Training

Read the Bible every day this week. Ask God to teach you as you read. Use this time to cultivate a deeper, more ongoing relationship with Jesus.

Memory Verse

... *Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God?*
[James 4:4 NLT](#)

Daily Reading

- Day 1: [1 Samuel 8:1-9](#) Day 4: [Psalm 86:8-13](#)
Day 2: [1 Samuel 8:10-22](#) Day 5: [Colossians 1:3-6](#)
Day 3: [Deuteronomy 7:6-11](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 4, we'll continue our series Belonging to God: The Life of Samuel. To prepare for the message, spend a few quiet moments reading [1 Samuel 8:21](#); [9:1-27](#); [10:1-27](#).