

# Readings

## Scripture

<sup>4</sup>Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah <sup>5</sup>and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." <sup>6</sup>But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the Lord. <sup>7</sup>And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup>According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. <sup>9</sup>Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

- 1 Samuel 8:4-9 (English Standard Version)

## Reflection

<sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup>but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

- 2 Samuel 7:8-16 (English Standard Version)

# Sermon Outline

## The Ruler

1 Samuel 8:4-9

Cover to Cover

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*The essence of God's kingdom is his rule and reign over all his creation...*  
(1 Samuel 8:4-9)

What happens when his rule is broken? (1 Samuel 8:4-9)

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What happens when his reign is rejected? (1 Samuel 8:4-9)

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What happens when we yield to his rule and reign? (Matthew 6:9-13)

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**Reflection Questions** (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- Where are we in the overall story of the Bible?
- How do we see Jesus in this passage or in these books?
- What are the fallen conditions addressed by the passage that highlight our need for grace?
- How do we see this applying to us today?